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Whanaungatanga Rangatiratanga

Wairuatanga

Manaakitanga



Whole staff meeting during lockdown 2.0

Welcome to Term 8, week 3!

Tēnā koutou, e te whānau o Blockhouse Bay Intermediate

Welcome to week eight of term three. Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori

Today's announcement that we remain in level 4 for a further week. While disappointing, this was not unexpected due to the ongoing number of active cases that remain in the community.

Tāmaki Makaurau has certainly done it tough and we will remain patient as we get ready to support our students safe return to class.

There have been many wonderful highlights from teachers and their classes since we entered level four. Each week teachers share updates back to their team and the leadership team on how the week went. This keeps us informed of students learning, students who might need extra support and a general wellbeing check for each class and our staff.

Teachers continue to deliver exceptional distance learning opportunities and while almost all students are engaged, we do have a number of students who are not. If you are a parent reading this and are concerned that your child is not engaging in their learning, please reach out to your teacher.

Our classroom shared meets are as close as we can get to a class setting.



TBC



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An opportunity for students to interact with their teacher, each other and to share their achievements. This maintains the connections and boosts morale.

So please encourage your children to hang in there and look towards the light at the end of the tunnel when we can safely return to having students back at school.

As soon as alert level changes are posted, we will be sending out emails to remind you what life at school looks like under each level. Last year we prepared information slides for you to share with your child and we will send these out again.

The school is well versed in safely managing all levels of the alerts and we will continue to do so.

Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori

A big thank you to our head of Maori Cath Tahu, for keeping students and staff engaged with many great activities to share and celebrate over *Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori*.

A reminder to our wider community

It has been reported that teenagers have gathered at the school to play basketball. Please remind all (including older students) that we remain in level four and that we have a collective responsibility. School is closed during level four.

Take care.

Michael Malins

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Kupu hou

TE TAURA WHIR

Zoom Hui Topa

"Turn on/off your video"

"Whakakā/whakaweto i tō ataata

Mute/Unmute

Whakangū/Wetengū

Share Screen

Tiri Mata

Chat

Kōrerorero

Some of the things teachers are saying every.single.day.

PS. pls mute your mic.

Te Wiki O Te Reo Maori

Kia ora e te whānau!

I hope that you are all safe and well in your bubbles at home.

Nau mai haere mai ki te wiki o te reo Māori.

Welcome to Māori Language Week.

This year things are a little different given that we're in Level 4 Lockdown, but we can still have some fun! There is a fantastic website that has been set up to encourage each and every one of us to korero (speak), waiata (sing), ako (learn), pānui (read), tākaro (play), whakaronga (listen) te reo Māori at 12pm Tuesday 14th September and make history! This is the website: https://www.reomaori.co.nz/ When you have signed up you can select a ropū (group) to join. If you search for Blockhouse Bay Intermediate you will be able to join our ropū and be part of history with us!

If you are interested in increasing your use of te reo Māori, here are some ideas:

A great website to use if you are wanting to intersperse your everyday conversations with te reo Māori, is the Māori Dictionary at www.maoridictionary.co.nz I use this all the time to check for the correct kupu (word) to use and there is audio for every kupu so that you can hear how the kupu is pronounced! Have fun experimenting with te reo Māori and increasing your confidence with our native language.

Kia haumaru te noho e te kainga (Be safe, stay home) Arohanui e te whānau

Whaea Cath and all of the staff of Blockhouse Bay Intermediate.



START A GROUP OF FRIENDS AND WHĀNAU TO PLAY GAMES IN REO MĀORI





Here is a whakatauki (proverb) that you could learn too:

Me maumahara ki te aroha ō te whānau

Remember the love of the whanau





Sports, sports, sportsss!

WESTERN ZONE SPORT

With the disruption to sporting events this latter part of the term, it is unclear what codes will go ahead moving forward into term four. I will keep the community updated as I receive information with regards to Western Zone events.

SPORTS CAMP

Since being notified about the cancellation of Sports Camp this term, I have been working closely with three other Auckland schools affected, and we are in the process of organising a mini / scaled version of Sports Camp. This will be a two day tournament, where our Sports Camp teams will have the opportunity to compete in most codes over the two days.

Participating Schools

- Blockhouse Bay
- Papatoetoe
- Birkdale
- Kowhai

With the uncertainty of what is currently happening, and the number of cases fluctuating, we also need to be mindful and understand that it might not go ahead. However, I will continue coordinating with teachers from the other Auckland schools, as though it will.

It will not be an overnight experience, however we will attempt to give all teams the best experience possible, by mirroring what a usual day at Sports Camp looks like, and feels like; going from sport to sport throughout the entire day, and then finishing in the early evening with all teams performing their chant on the final day of competition.

AIMS

With the cancellation of AIMS again this year, our teams have unfortunately missed out again. There are however events being planned to cater for our teams that missed out.

BOYS FOOTBALL

I have received confirmation to run a two day event at Seddon Park / Western Springs for the Auckland schools who had teams entered into NZAIMS for Boys Football.

Term 4 Week 2:

Day 1 (Pool Play): Tuesday 26th October Day 2 (Play Offs): Wednesday 27th October

RUGBY 7'S

A booking request has been submitted with Auckland Council for Avondale Racecourse to run a two day event for our schools who had teams entered into NZAIMS for Rugby 7s.

Term 4 Week 4:

Day 1 (Pool Play): Thursday 11th November Day 2 (Play Offs): Friday 12th November

NETBALL

Netball Waitakere are in the process of organising a one off tournament for schools who had teams entered into NZAIMS for Netball. At this stage they are gauging expressions of interest from schools, and I will release an update as we hear more from the organisers.

At this stage we are still unsure what level Auckland will be at, but I am hoping that with the above events being moved to term 4, Auckland will be safely at L1 where it is safe to play organised sports again.

Y8 MOTUTAPU CAMP

Despite the extended lockdown, we are still moving forward with our plans for Year 8 Camp, and hope that with our scheduled dates still being five weeks away, Auckland will hopefully have moved to L1 by then.

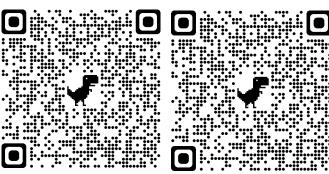
I would like to express my sincere thanks to all that applied to assist at this year's camp.

Unfortunately we are unable to take everyone that applies, however we are always humbled by the overwhelming offers of support given by parents and guardians, and are left with a very hard task in gathering together a team of adults to work alongside the students and staff.

I would like to thank those that have been selected, and look forward to firstly meeting you, and then working alongside you to help give all of our students a memorable experience before they head off to high school.

As with everything regarding our current situation, this camp will only go ahead if we have moved safely to L1.

QR CODES



Term 3 Sports Calendar

Term 3 Western Zone Sports Trials & Information



A **big thank you** to Jamie and his team at *Green Bay New World* for their continued support with our school values and well-being initiatives by sponsoring student prizes. It's amazing having support from local businesses and we look forward to further collaboration in the near future.



Mt Roskill Grammar School

Enrolments are now open for 2022



Out of Zone applications close Wednesday 1st September.

Out of Zone ballot held Wednesday 8th September.

Notification of results will be emailed out by 10th September.

Please access the link to do an online application: kamarportal.mrgs.school.nz/index.php/enrolment
Paper applications are available from the school office.

We look forward to welcoming you to our MRGS Family





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