



Huia Range School

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Kia ora e te whanau,

What a stunning start back to school today. Our children were happy, relaxed and enjoying talking to each other in the classrooms that I visited.

The tamariki have also been amazing today in response to the hand washing, sanitising and disinfecting that occurred all day, in every room.

Thank you so much to our children's whanau for looking after your children so incredibly well over the last near 8 weeks of Alert Levels 3 and 4. Not an easy time for anyone.

The teachers and teacher aides have thoroughly enjoyed their day as well. They commented about the polite, helpful children that have returned and how some of them have worked incredibly hard during their time at home (others we don't think did too much work!). But a new chapter started today in education and we are looking forward to some solid learning happening for the remainder of the term.

Many of our children wrote about, drew pictures and talked about their experiences over the lockdown time. Some great stories were being told today.

Thank you also to our whanau for understanding and accepting the new 'rules' that we are all having to live with. We recognise it is really difficult to drop your young tamariki off and not come into class with them.

Yes I could see and hear that some of you were anxious this morning - thank you for trusting us with your children and your families health and safety. We will all be fine if everyone follows the 'rules' both at school and in the community.

The after school pick up was rather interesting - so a few minor tweaks.

Rooms 1, 2, 6 and 15 will leave their rooms by 2.45pm and be ready to be picked up by 2.50pm. If there is an older sibling or cousin travelling home with these children they will also leave their room at 2.45pm and meet outside the main entrance of the school.

Unless they have a younger brother, sister or cousin, children from rooms 7, 8 and 10 will use the High Street gate, which will open at 3.00pm.

Room 16 will continue to use the electric gate close to their class room.

Thank you to the parents that remembered named water bottles today - this worked really well and will continue for the foreseeable future.

Fruit in Schools is restarting on Tuesday 2nd June (2 weeks away).

In case you want one, canteen orders will be sent home to all families tomorrow. Please remember if you want to buy from the canteen, your child needs a completed order form in an envelope or ziplock bag, with the correct amount of money.

The next panui will be the usual Thursday newsletter.

Kia kaha

Ngā mihi nui

Robyn Forsyth
Principal