

Welcome to 2022
Mākara Model School
Whaia ti iti kahurangi!

Together we will reach the stars!

MAKARA SCHOOL MEMO

MMS, Term 1, Week 1, 2022

CARO'S CHATTER

IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE THAT 2022 HAS STARTED WITH A HISS AND A ROAR ALREADY!

I AM SO EXCITED TO BE A PART OF THE WONDERFUL MMS COMMUNITY. THANK YOU FOR THE AMAZINGLY WARM WELCOMES I HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED!

I AM HOPING TO CONTINUE BUILDING ON MAKARA MODEL SCHOOLS' EXCELLENT REPUTATION FOR DEVELOPING SUCCESSFUL, CREATIVE AND LIFELONG LEARNERS.

I AM EXCITED TO DEVELOP A FIELD-BASED, HANDS ON AND SKILLS DRIVEN CURRICULUM. ONE THAT ENABLES ACCELERATED PROGRESS IN LITERACY AND NUMERACY, BY UTILISING THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT THE IDYLIC SURROUNDINGS CREATE, AND THE EXPERTISE WE HAVE ON HAND.

MY DESIRE FOR OUR LEARNERS IS TO BE PASSIONATE, ENGAGED, CREATIVE AND BOLD. TAKING CHARGE OF THEIR LEARNING PATHWAYS, AND MAKING THE MOST OF EVERY OPPORTUNITY PROVIDED, WHILE LIVING TE ARA O TE MAKARA.

I CAN'T WAIT TO GET TO KNOW YOU ALL!



Fred and Rose are waiting at the gate, looking forward to all the children coming back on Wednesday 2nd of February, for a 9am start.

News from Behind the Mask

Red Level Alert - What it means for our MMS

We really want to return to some sense of normality, and we are doing our best to create a pathway forward that is going to provide safety and security for our staff and students, as well as try to bring our community back through the gates.

We appreciate that it has been a real struggle with the disconnect, given the physical opportunities to connect have been so restricted. Red level actually allows us a little more freedom in some ways, and less in others.

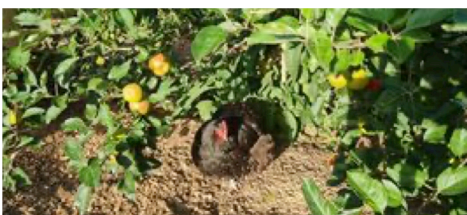
We will be unlocking the school gates, and they will remain unlocked at this stage.

Our bike track and playground will be open for use by our community outside school hours. However, we ask that you scan in, use sanitiser before and after using equipment, wear a mask and social distance if others are around.

Although parents are allowed onto the school grounds, we do ask that you respect the health and safety of our staff and students, and remain out of the school buildings, unless attending a pre-arranged meeting.

At pick up and drop off, we ask that you remain confined to the basketball court area. For those times, the court area will be classified as 'outside of school grounds' to avoid congestion in the carpark and on the road.

- More details in the attached document about our RED LEVEL RESPONSE.



The hens are doing really well - and for a moment (before Rachel saved them) were being surrogate mums to some duck eggs.



OUR 2022 STAFF TEAM:

WHAEA TASH - TUI (YEAR 2-3)
 WHAEA KIRI - OFFICE MANAGER
 WHAEA EVELYN - KIWI (YEAR 4-5)
 WHAEA KATRINA - KAREAREA, DP,
 (YEAR 6-8)
 WHAEA CARO - PRINCIPAL
 WHAEA SYLVIA - PIWAKAKA (YEAR
 1-2)

School Life at Red



We understand that these are very challenging and unpredictable times, and appreciate your support as we navigate these waters.

We will do our best to make sure our children are safe and happy, as their wellbeing is of utmost importance to us. We will be able to learn in some different and exciting ways, so will endeavour to make school life engaging and learner focussed.

Your wellbeing is also important to us, so please let us know if there are ways we can support you too.

We appreciate your support of our school and teachers. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do see the classroom teacher in the first instance, and then if needed, to me or Katrina.

We can do this - and we will! 2022 is going to be a fantastic year!



Swimming, Stationery and Sunhats

SWIMMING: We are going to provide swimming for our students every day, but are conscious of the sun factor. Please ensure your child comes to school with their **togs, towel and a rashie**. We will hold some spare rashies on site, but strongly encourage your child to have their own.

SUNHATS: Children will need to be wearing their sunhats when playing outside during Term 1 and 4. The school will soon have some for sale, which are brimmed and have a tie to avoid being blown away. These will be available for sale at the office, and will be named when purchased. More information to come!

STATIONERY: Stationery lists were given out at the end of last year, and hopefully you have received an email with them attached recently too. Please ensure your child's property is named where appropriate.

DRINKBOTTLES: All children are to bring their own, named drink bottle. This will be particularly important during level RED, and the children will also be participating in physical activities during the day.



We are so excited to welcome you back, and to introduce new faces. We will be able to do this under restricted conditions - on Wednesday the 2nd of February at 9.15am. This will be held out on the court area, if the weather is fine. **If it is too wet, this will be a student only event, indoors.**

Parents are asked to remain on the court area, in the designated area, masked, scanned in and socially distanced. Our students and staff will be in socially distanced bubbles apart from the parents. Year 4 and up will be wearing masks.

This will be a short welcome and introduction to new faces. We are very much looking forward to seeing you soon!

