



Dates to Remember

Whanau Evening - 9th April



Back to School...

Beginning the year,
staying cool at school.

Mt Richmond School News



Term 1, 2021

School Roll - 185

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Board of Trustees

Kathy Dooley, Principal and BOT Members



There will be some changes in responsibilities as a result of this, so if you need to contact someone in leadership please ring me or check with your child's class teacher to find out who you should talk to. Reminder that we have our Social Worker Annie and our School Nurse Nishi who are available to help with health and welfare issues, so please let us know if you need their support.

We all look forward to a great 2021 and hopefully no more lockdowns. We hope your children are enjoying the use of their devices at home in the weekends and remember to send them back to school on Monday so they can be used at school during the week.

Kind regards
Kathy Dooley

Dear Whanau

We were pleased to see all our students back at school. Some students have changed classes and some new students have started. We have some new staff as well. Before school started the Mt Richmond Appointments Committee interviewed 5 applicants for the 3 Deputy Principal positions and the following were appointed from our school staff:

Deputy Principal Joe Govender
Deputy Principal Therese Arahill
Deputy Principal Tracey Venter

Participating and Contributing



Getting Ready for a fun filled year of learning...

Welcome back to a new school year.

It is great to see students back at school, looking rested and ready to learn. This term we are focusing on **IDENTITY**, how we interact with others and our environments. This helps us to know ourselves better and develop a sense of **BELONGING** so that we can participate and contribute.

A Warm and Generous Welcome to...

Our Mt Richmond family has grown this year. From the beginning of this term we have welcomed the following students and their whanau...

Te Nikau satellite

Candace, Bianca, Hosanna, Ayvaley & Loren.

Rongomai satellite

Gordon, Hosea and Selina.

Flatbush satellite

Carlo.

Papatoetoe Intermediate

Jeremiah and Milan.

College satellite

Pesamino.

Base

Te Awa - Ella, John, Diyon and Zulfikar.

Waka - Hoani, Zyan and Hosea

Room 9 - Madison, LA and Alteo

Along with an increase in students on the roll, we have welcomed the following staff members this term...

Room 8 teacher - Beverlyn

Learning Assistants - Jerome, Noah, Izzy, Lina, Elizabeth, Delanie & Benny and Helen, a Psychology Intern.

Preparing For School



As we welcome warmer weather, students will be wearing hats, sunscreen and lighter clothing. Please consider the warmer weather when your children are getting ready for school.

HEALTHY EATING

We encourage students to make healthy choices.

Please know that when you pack healthy snacks in your child's lunch box, we will encourage your child to eat it.

TAXI

Thanks to our wonderful drivers who make sure our children arrive at school safely.





Horse Riding

Our students are very happy to be back at Ambury Park Centre for riding lessons this year. Quintin, Aporo and Zurain were all confident, relaxed and looking forward to spending time with their horses. Riding is an opportunity for our students to grow in confidence, increase muscle control and strength, improve socialisation skills and, of course, have fun.

Belonging

Having fun together is the best way to get to know each other at the beginning of the year! Transition classes are having fun together.



Save the date Whanau Evening 9th April

We welcome you and your whanau to come along to our special end of term celebration. This will be a chance to get to know more of our Mt Richmond families, to celebrate learning, meet special guests and share in a meal. There will be entertainment, games, food from around the world and surprises. More information about this event will follow.

Whanau Meeting 24th February

We will be resuming coffee mornings for whanau here at base from Wednesday 24th February. We will be hosting our 17th March whanau meeting at one of the satellite classes. Everyone is welcome, we particularly look forward to seeing new families. Get in touch if you want a ride...

Therapy News

What do Occupational Therapists do?

Occupational therapists support people to be able to participate in activities they need to do and want to do which fill their day and create meaning for their lives.

FINE MOTOR. HAND FUNCTION

Hand strength, writing, doing buttons/zips, co-ordination.



Occupational Therapy (OT) in schools

Enabling student independence and participation

EQUIPMENT FOR INDEPENDENCE

- eg: wheelchairs, hoists, slings, foot stools, car/taxi equipment.



VISUAL PROCESSING SKILLS

When we look at something, visual processing skills create the picture in our mind and help our brain to make sense of it. Sometimes people need help to create that picture and understand what they see.



Do you see two faces or do you see a vase in this picture?

SENSORY PROCESSING...

"Joe likes to make loud noises, Annie likes strong hugs, Daniel is always on the move, Ellie loves messy play, Dean turns off the lights and Fale likes to swing and spin. We all need different things to make our bodies feel happy and calm."



Sight



Hearing



Touch



Smell



Taste

SELF CARE -

Dressing, toileting, eating, brushing teeth etc.



Keep an eye out for your Seesaw invitation!

By connecting to your child's online journal,

you will be able to see photos and videos of their learning!



Community News and Events



OTAHUHU UNITED AFC

Registrations are now open!

2021 JUNIOR/ YOUTH OPEN DAYS

**Sunday 21st February
2pm to 4:30pm**

**Sunday 14th March
2pm to 4:30pm**

Seaside Park, Otahuhu

Contact us for more info: secretary@otahuhusoccer.org.nz : 021 042 3341

<https://otahuhusoccer.org.nz>

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AUCKLAND
LIVE

Announcement from Auckland Live Free and Low Cost Family Events

Revolting Rhymes

Auckland Live Summer in the Square
Sun 14 Feb, 12.45pm
FREE film in Aotea Square, more info here.



Circus Schow in Aotea Square

12 - 21 Feb - Koha donation,
Bring the whānau along to enjoy 30
minutes of flips, slips and balloon tricks
with the Manubrium Circus Theatre



Latin Fiesta Weekend

Auckland Live Summer in the Square
Fri 19 – Sun 21 Feb | Aotea Square
FREE

Auckland Latin Fiesta brings the exciting sounds, tastes, and experiences of Latin American culture to the heart of the city.



Maimoa

Sat 20 Feb | Auckland Town Hall
Student tickets from \$15+ booking fees Māori pop music collective, all-ages gig featuring hit songs, dance, kapa haka and more!



E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial in Concert

Saturday 13th March

Kiri Te Kanawa Theatre, Aotea Centre

Tickets from \$15+ booking fees,

Award-winning score performed live by the Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra in sync to the film projected on a huge HD screen!



TEKAU! - Sat 6 March

Kiri Te Kanawa Theatre, Aotea Centre

From \$10+ booking fees,

Celebrating Māori and Pasifika culture through the orchestra, Tekau! features 250 young musicians across a 100-piece string orchestra and choir of 150.



The 95bFM Kids' Show – Live broadcast - Sun 21 Feb | Aotea Square

Come down with the whānau and join Lee, Finn and a cast of weird and wonderful friends for stories, games, laughs and songs – you could end up live on the radio!

