

19 November 2021

He tangi te tītī
He tangi te kākā
He tangi hoki ahau.
Te hei mauri ora

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Mandate Update from the Taikura School Board and Proprietors Trust

Thank you one and all for your support in keeping Taikura thriving through a tough few weeks. Our strength comes from a common purpose of student learning and nourishment through a Steiner curriculum.

This mandate came at a hectic time of year. Term four is always the busiest term for kindergartens, school and life in general. Gratefully, the community has shown great resilience to keep striving forward for the school and students.

We continue to seek advice, clarification and guidance from various authorities. We recognise the importance of maintaining accurate and informative communication and so we will keep you updated should anything new come to hand.

You may wish to send feedback to the Ministry of Education or ask them questions, if so, go to:

Education questions and feedback:

- <https://www.education.govt.nz/our-work/contact-us/regional-ministry-contacts/>
- <https://www.education.govt.nz/covid-19/>

Health questions:

- <https://covid19.govt.nz/>
- <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>

Our school and kindergarten staff are working tirelessly with the purpose of providing our tamariki with the best Steiner education. Please be kind to them, as they work through the challenges of providing authentic end of year experiences for the students under the current Covid level 2 restrictions. All schools are impacted, and while many have cancelled end of year events, Taikura staff are working to ensure our tamariki experience these wonderful activities.

If you wish to find previous community letters and FAQ's on this kaupapa, these can be found on our website: <https://taikura.school.nz/key-dates-news-events/newsletters/>

Please know that our lines of communication are always open. We will continue to keep you, our entire staff and the community updated. All correspondence can be directed via suzan.bart@taikura.school.nz

Update from Taikura Principal

Our focus as a Management group this week has been to ensure continuity of learning for our students as well as support and acknowledge all of our staff across our kindergartens and the school.

As part of the vaccination mandate process, staff had until midnight Monday to confirm their vaccination status, which meant that it was Tuesday morning before we had final confirmation for all.

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Moving forward, staff still have until 1 January to be fully vaccinated if they so choose, and the possibility remains that some may return to working on site before the end of the year. Staff currently not on site are on leave. Every situation is different as per the individual nature of their position.

As with any situation when a staff member is on leave, cover is provided for their role and responsibilities, with the aim of providing as much continuity and consistency for our students as is possible. Parents have been communicated with directly where their child's day to day experience has been impacted.

Just a reminder for our parents. It is important to confirm that the current vaccination mandate does not restrict parents/caregivers from coming onto our school site for daily drop off and pick up or meetings. We are however still operating under Alert Level 2 restrictions and these have been updated to include the requirement for parents to wear masks while on site as well as scanning or signing in and maintaining distancing. We thank you for the ongoing efforts being made by our parent community in respecting these requirements onsite.

The meaning and purpose of the world
Will be fulfilled if human deeds are done in light of wisdom
And with a warm and loving heart
R Steiner

Ngā mihi mahana,

Erin Simpson
Taikura School Board
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Taikura School
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