

Onerahi Kindergarten Term 1 2021 Panui 1

Nau mai haere mai. Welcome to a new year at kindergarten.

We welcome Skyler, Elaina, Elliot, Dion, Levi, Tayyibah, Tupono, Kevin, Billie and Jack and their whānau as we start this new year. We farewelled Kate, Ayla, Brodie, Honey-Jade, Kalia, Mason, Nathan, Kayn and Sebastian who recently left us to start school at Onerahi Primary School. We wish you all the best and will miss you all and look forward to hearing all about your adventures at school when we see you out and about in the community.

This term we have lots of exciting things planned which we will have more details about closer to the time

We now have our own Pātaka Kai, thanks to Bunnings for building this for us for free. Please help yourself to any of this kai for your whānau and friends. This is a community Pātaka Kai so please spread the word. Thank you to everyone who is sharing their produce from your gardens please feel to bring any to share.

Exciting News

We are very excited to announce that we have commissioned a mural to be made for our foyer to depict our local pūrākau (story) of Reipae and Reitū by the street artist Mike Tupaea. Mike is also creating panels along our beam of mangō-pare (hammerhead shark) which is the symbol of resilience. This is a great taonga and we feel very lucky to have this in our kindergarten. When this is installed we will be having a celebratory unveiling, everyone will be invited. There're many murals created by Mike in Whangārei, look out for them when you are out and about in the community.



New Ministry of Health Guidelines

There are new ministry of health guidelines around choking and high risk foods. There are some foods that are excluded from being served by us at kindergarten but you are still able to provide foods that you know your child can manage in their lunchboxes. We have a leaflet available in the office and there are guidelines on the ministry of health website. At all kai times at kindergarten we have four teachers sitting with and supervising tamariki as they eat.

* This is a very hot time of the year so please remember to put lots of clothes in your child's bag so they can get wet and *
* messy, a sunhat so tamariki can play outside and sunblock your child. We have sunblock available at kindergarten so please *
* feel free to use this. *
* **This FRIDAY (Covid restrictions allowing) we have Caro's Critters at Kindergarten.** *
* **We are currently, until Wednesday midnight, in Level 2 so we are encouraging whānau to drop off tamariki as quickly *
* as they can. We will be releasing tamariki to whānau off the mat as they arrive at the end of the day to maintain social *
* distancing of 1 metre. We ask that extra whānau visitors don't come to kindergarten at this time. Thank you.** *

IMPORTANT DATES

Caro's Critters Farm visit at kindergarten	Friday 19 February
Midterm Cohort Entry Date for Onerahi Primary School	Monday 15 March
Good Friday & Easter Monday	2nd & 5th April
Last day of Term 1	Friday 16 April
Start of Term 2	Tuesday 25 April