Term 4, Week 3, 3 November, 2021

Dear Parents and Caregivers

With the Far North Alert Level 3 announcement last night, the uncertainty of how the next few weeks might pan out continues. However, for now, we are pleased to remain at Alert Level 2, and be providing a positive and safe learning environment for our children. We thank you, the parents and whānau, for all that you are doing to work with the school. There are a few matters pertaining to the Delta virus which I want to remind you of:

- Some parents have asked if children might be vaccinated at school without the parents knowing. The answer is a clear "no". Should children's vaccines be introduced, we would not allow it to happen here at school without parent approval.
- Even at Level 2, there are still some health and safety procedures which we need to keep using, including:
  - ◊ parents and members of the public are asked to NOT be on the school grounds at Level 2 without permission.
  - ◊ if you need to come into the office, please phone 0211077110 first.
  - ◊ please wear a mask.
  - ◊ if you need to pick up your child early for an appointment, please plan this with the office in advance. Two hours' notice would be great, but please don't expect our staff to drop what they are doing, with little notice, to find your child.
- Please ensure that your child has their own named water bottle, as this is much safer than drinking from shared drinking fountains.
- Parents who "volunteer to work" at school or on school trips (e.g. regular classroom assistance, camp parents, day trips, Year 6 Sail Days) are required by the Ministry of Education to have had one vaccine from November 15, and two vaccines from January 1. Evidence of this must be shown to the school. Information will be kept confidential.

Our school hats have arrived and have been given out to those who have already paid. The Riverview School hat is the only approved hat for children to use and is compulsory in Terms 4 and 1. If your child does not have one, please contact the office.

The Board of Trustees meets in the staffroom at 6:30pm next Wednesday.

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One thing that we can guarantee is that we will continue to face uncertainty and changes in the days ahead. Here at Riverview School, we will endeavour to give your children a calm, caring, and stable learning environment, and seek to keep progressing their learning.

For the Children

Ken McLeay - Principal

SCHOLASTIC

With no Book Fair this year, we are going to run the Book Club instead.
The Issue 7 brochure is out and online only at this stage and it is packed with lots of books to buy. If we receive brochures, we will get them out to families as soon as possible. Last day for orders is **Friday 5 November**. It's a great time to buy Christmas presents.

Community News

The **Kerikeri Amateur Swimming Club** summer season will be starting in mid-November and run through to March 2021 (school term time only). Swimmers must be able to confidently swim two lengths of the Kerikeri High School pool. Two sessions are run on the Monday and Wednesday for different abilities and Club nights are every other Friday (for ages 7-16). If you would like further information and a registration pack, please email the club at kerikeriswimming@gmail.com or contact us via our Facebook page facebook.com/KerikeriASC/

Collect the Yummy cut-out labels and stickers. The deadline has been extended until **Friday 5 November 2021** for us to participate. Sticker Collection sheets are available from the school office.

Phone or text messages for children to the office by **2.30pm** daily please.

Riverview School Sports Shorts

We have sports shorts that are surplus to requirement for sale. Sizes 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, and 16. $5 each. Payment through Kindo only.

Term Dates for 2022

Term 1 - Tues Feb 1 to Thurs Apr 14
Term 2 – Mon May 2 to Fri Jul 8
Term 3 - Mon Jul 25 to Fri Sept 30
Term 4 - Mon Oct 17 to Wed Dec 14

The school hat is compulsory in Terms 1 and 4. While we are at Level 2, families can purchase using Kindo. The cost is $16. We will get the hat to your child.

Bald Angels is doing a Christmas Food drive. There is a Bald Angels collection box in the office. The items that Bald Angels is looking for are:

- Tinned baked beans
- Tinned sweetcorn
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned tomato paste

BALD ANGELS

This food will be going to Riverview School families.
Thank you for helping to make Christmas a little more enjoyable for our vulnerable kids.