



Poipōia te kākano kia puāwai – *Nurture the seed and it will thrive*

NEWSLETTER EIGHT, TERM FOUR

Tuesday, 7th December 2021

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KIA ORA, TALOFA LAVA, AND WELCOME.

COVID-19 ALERT LEVELS/TRAFFIC LIGHT SYSTEM



The Ministry of Education have advised schools that they will continue using the COVID-19 Level system

until the end of the current school year. This is to

maintain a consistent approach for school processes and to avoid any confusion for schools and whānau.

For us this means that **we will continue following the COVID-19 Level 2 guidelines that we currently have in place until the end of this term.** This means that our end of year celebrations will be held in different formats this year.



END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS

As we are remaining at Level 2 until the end of the year, this means that our end of year celebrations and farewells will be quite different. All of these planned events will happen during the school day and unfortunately, we will not be able to have parents and whānau attend. Where possible we will record these and share them with our school community. This will include our Year 6 graduation, staff farewells.

We understand that this will be disappointing to some students, parents and whānau, but we need to continue to follow the guidelines provided to us as we work to keep everyone safe.

END OF YEAR REPORTS

End of Year reports will be sent home with tamariki on Monday 13 December. If children are not at school these will be held at school.

START OF 2022

Our start date for 2022 is **Wednesday 2 February.** We will have staff only days on the Monday 31 January and Tuesday 1 February.



PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER



COVID-19
Vaccination

All those working and volunteering in schools now need to have had at least their first COVID-19 vaccination. Evidence will be sought for all those working or volunteering at Koraunui School.

HUTT CITY COUNCIL RACE TO 90%

We are proud to be participating in a *Race to 90%* vaccination drive between Porirua and Lower Hutt. The aim of this drive is to get 90% of Porirua and Lower Hutt double-vaccinated against COVID-19 to protect our friends, family and community from the Delta variant.



Both cities aren't too far off reaching the 90% mark, but there is more to do. As part of the *Race to 90%* drive, the Hutt Mana Charitable Trust and Hutt City Council have teamed up and will donate \$3,000 to our school - but only if our city reaches 90%.

Currently Hutt City is at 94% first vaccination and 88% second vaccination

We need to do everything we can to increase vaccination uptake in Stokes Valley. That way we can protect our community and the wider city from COVID-19, and inch our way closer to getting \$3,000 for our school. Once we get there, we plan to use the \$3,000 in a way that will benefit their health and well-being. We will ask the children for ideas.



Please click on this link to find a vaccination centre nearby [Book My Vaccination](#)

COVID-19 ALERT LEVEL 2

We are continuing with our Alert Level 2 guidelines this term and will respond to changes accordingly.



Face coverings
must be worn here
Face coverings are mandatory.

Key points for parents and whānau

- **Must scan in using the COVID tracer app or sign in on paper slips provided**
- **Must wear masks while on site**
- **Observe 2 metre physical distancing**
- **Please do not go into classrooms**

At the end of the day, we will have three pick-up points to avoid congestion and to help us manage distancing at school. Pick up for family groupings - the oldest child is to collect siblings and then go to the youngest child's collection point or meet parents outside the youngest sibling's classroom.

Pick up points are as follows.

- **Main School Gate – Rooms 8, 9, 10 & 11**
- **Montgomery Street school gate – Rooms 12, 13 & 15**
- **Hall Entrance Gate – Rooms 23, 4 & 5**

ICT GRANT

We would like to thank Pub Charity for the very generous donation of \$8,000 for us to purchase some new iPads for our tamariki. These will be here in time for the start of the 2022 school year.



KCC HOLIDAY PROGRAMME BOOKINGS

For KCC to operate for the week before Christmas and during the January break, we need confirmed bookings so we can organize staff for these times. **All confirmed bookings need to be provided to Janice in the office by this Friday 11 December.** If we do not have enough confirmed bookings, we will not be operating the KCC holiday programme. If you have any questions, please contact Janice in the office.

SCHOOL LIBRARY BOOK RETURNS

Our school library is now closed. Can all school library books that are currently issued to students please be returned to school so we can store them back in the library for the holiday break. Please check around the house, under beds, in wardrobes, in bags, wherever you can think a book might be hiding.



STUDY CENTRE

The last day for Study Centre this year will be next Thursday 9th December.



SCHOOL INVOICES

Thank you to all families who have made some payments or contacted us about outstanding payments for school and sporting activities. If you haven't done so already, we ask that these are either paid in full or regular part payments are made to clear debts. During the year we are often required to pay for activities and fees in advance and the school carries this debt until payments are made by parents. If you would like to discuss your invoice, please contact the school office.

ENROLMENTS

Do you have or know of any 5-year old children who are starting school this year or next year? New student enrolment forms are available at the office or on our website under "About us". If you require further information, please contact the office on 939 9707 or message us on our school website or Facebook page.

CONTACT DETAILS

It is important that we have accurate and up-to-date contacts for safety and emergencies. If any details have changed for you, please contact the office and let them know.

Dave Lamont
Principal

WHATS COMING UP THIS TERM?

Term 4

Week 8 and beyond

- Wednesday 8 December: Te Puawaitanga o Te Kākano H2O Extreme trip
- Thursday 9 December: Soccer interchange at Tui Glen School (selected senior students)
- Monday 13 December: Year 6 Graduation (closed celebration)
- Tuesday 14 December: Year 6 Mystery Bus Trip (Year 6 students)
- Wednesday 15 December: Farewell to staff and students (closed celebration)
- Wednesday 15 December: End of Term 4 at noon (children go home)


Triple A Driving School
Vacancy for Driving instructors




Hutt Valley area
Contact Don; 021565248
Office; 4789876

There will be training involved, however if you are on a benefit, this training is free.

You need to have a full licence to become an instructor.



TE RŪNANGANUI O TE ĀTI AWA




TAMAITI WHĀNGAI
COVID-19 VACCINATION CENTRE

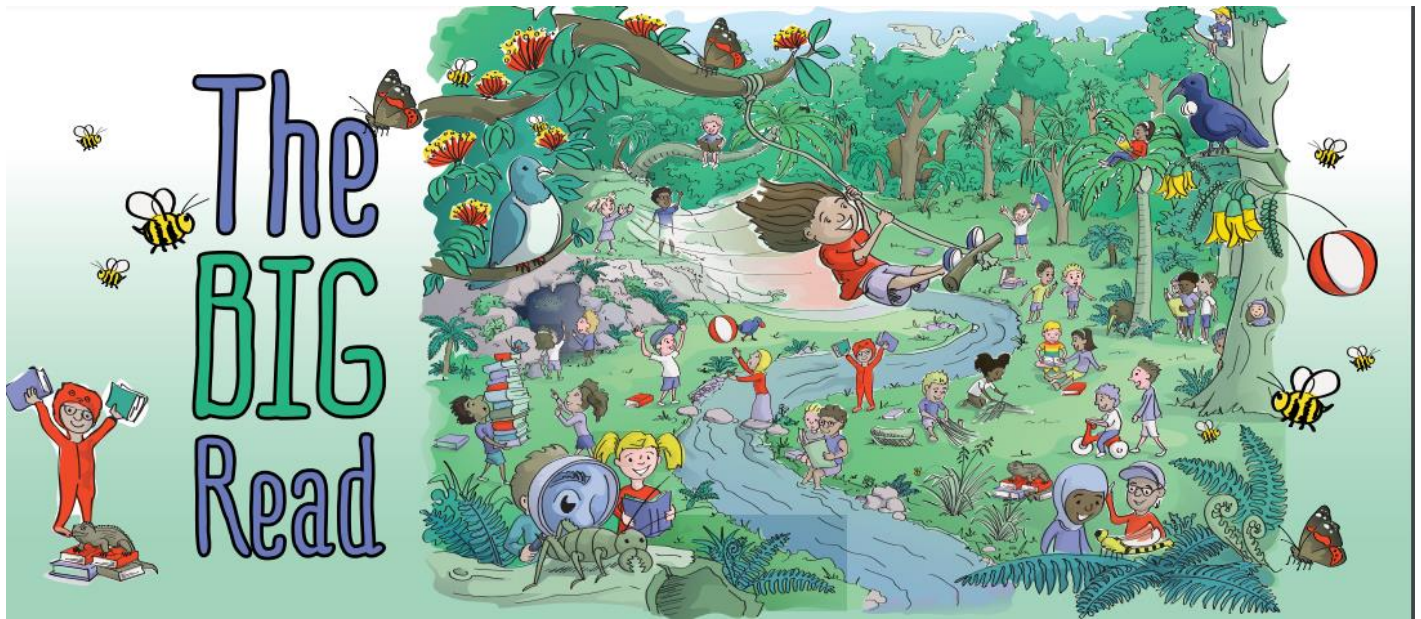
STOKES VALLEY DRIVE-THRU

POP-UP VAX CLINIC NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED!	OPEN FOR 12+ KAI & GIVEAWAYS!
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● We Invite our Māori & wider Stokes Valley community to come down and get vaccinated● We also offer BOOSTERS for those who are eligible (Pfizer Vaccine Only)● We also welcome anyone who wants to come down to have a kōrero	WHEN Saturday 11 December 10am - 3pm WHERE Koraunui Marae 146 Stokes Valley Road

Bring the whole whānau down!
For any questions or to book, contact

0800 123 VAX





From the 1st of December Hutt City Libraries is getting tamariki excited about reading over the summer holidays.

How our summer reading challenge works:

- It is free! Tamariki aged 5 and over can pick up a Big Read Journal at any of our libraries; they don't need a library card.
- There are three levels, pihinga/sprout, māhuri/sapling and kōhure/tree. The number of pūrākau/stories and tākaro/play activity increases with each level.
- The journal is like a reading log and tamariki are encouraged to talk about what they are reading or listening to with library staff.
- Tamariki complete fun tākaro/play activities such as reading a book with a kaumatua or someone in their whānau or designing a brand-new cover for a book.
- Tamariki can win prizes for reading.