



Te Puna i Keteriki

# Moerewa School

## TE KARERE O TE KURA

29 May 2020

Tēna tatou e te whānau

A big mihi to our whānau who have allowed their tamariki to return to kura. We understand the concerns you have about the risks associated with COVID-19 and we want to reassure you that we have systems in place to keep tamariki and staff safe.

There are some challenges that may be having an impact on whānau wellbeing in our community. There are some ways that we can offer support;

- Breakfast club Tues-Fri (7.45am - 8.30am) - Sue Williams
- Oscar Programme (Mon - Friday 3.00-5.00pm - there is a cost) - Whaea Sue Williams can explain how we can support whānau to access a subsidy for Oscar.
- Support to purchase winter uniforms/jerseys/school shirts.
- Support with kai at kura.
- Access to free services for tamariki and whānau - Speak with Whaea Tammy Nathan.
- Call **0800MOEREWĀ** - if you would like to speak with Whaea Maia, Whaea Sue or Whaea Tammy about any of the abovementioned information OR if additional help is required. You can also send us a message on our school kura facebook page.

### ***Morning Routines***

**Drop off:** Our awesome teachers meet and greet tamariki at the gate each morning and direct them to breakfast club or their classrooms. Karakia begins at 8.50am in the hall. Tamariki who arrive late to kura are asked to come directly to the office.

### ***Afternoon Routines***

**Pick up:**

- At the end of the day, staff will be at the school gate, ensuring a smooth exit for our walkers/bikers. Tamariki who catch the bus, will be monitored, until their buses arrive.
- We are trying to keep all visitors to the school to a minimum so please continue to adhere to our covid tikanga by coming directly to the office however, if you are sick please call the office rather than visit.

### ***What you can expect to see happening in class:***

- Our focus for the remainder of the term is ensuring that our tamariki feel safe and supported making the transition back to kura. Our driving kaupapa is 'ORA' - self, whanau and community.
- Hand sanitiser will be used, for everyone, entering and exiting the classroom.
- Additional disinfectant and cloths will be available in classrooms to sanitise spaces throughout the school day as required.
- Frequent handwashing with soap and water will happen throughout the day, prior to and after scheduled breaks.

**What you can expect to see happening during break times:**

- We will be re-opening our playground on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Tamariki will rotate around allocated play areas (with their own equipment to use).
- There will be regular cleaning of shared equipment such as balls, etc.
- Drinking fountains will remain turned off. Tamariki will need to bring a named drink bottle to kura.

**Illness**

- Tamariki and staff will not attend school if they are unwell.
- Tamariki and staff who become unwell during the school day will be sent home.
- In schools, our contact tracing is a combination of attendance register and visitor register. These provide information to health authorities if they need to contact people that might be considered a close contact of a confirmed case.

**Attendance**

Teachers have been asked to kindly follow up with whānau about attendance. You may receive a text, an email or phone call. We are asking that you let us know when your tamaiti will return to kura. They may be absent due to illness or other health issues, which we understand. For ease of communication text 0212136176, message the school facebook page OR call 0800MOEREW A and leave a message.

**Ministry of Education Devices**

During alert Level 4 we managed to secure devices from the Ministry of Education for tamariki to access online learning programmes. These devices will need to be returned before the 22 June 2020 so that they can be reimaged and used by tamariki at kura. Please phone 0800MOEREW A if you are having any issues with the Ministry Of Education devices.

*Aio ki te rangi  
Aio ki te whenua  
Aio ki nga iwi katoa  
Aio kia tatou*

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