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Kia Ora, Talofa Lava, Kia Orana, Fakalofa Lahi Atu, Bula Vinaka, Malo e lelei, Namaste, Ni Hao & Greetings to our Homai School Whanau

Welcome back to Term 3 which is starting off to be a term that still has a lot of winter illnesses and also increasing cases of COVID.

Masking up for the start of Term 3

In previous years we have found there is an increase in winter illnesses in schools at the start of Term 3 as students bring back infections after travelling and socialising during the holidays. This year cases of COVID-19 are increasing in most parts of the country, and we are also seeing high numbers of other winter illnesses.

For the start of Term 3, 2022, the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health strongly recommend that all schools and kura amend their mask policy for the first four weeks of term to require mask wearing in all indoor settings (where it will not have a significant impact on teaching and learning – see below) for students in Years 4 and above.

This recommendation does not include any situation where mask wearing might not be practicable, such as while eating and drinking, playing certain musical instruments, indoor sport, where it will have a significant impact on teaching and learning (for example, students with particular learning needs), certain activities such as singing or drama performance on stage, and PE. In these situations, particular attention should be paid to ensuring there is good ventilation during the activity, and physical distancing where practicable.

Wearing masks can reduce new cases of the virus by as much as 53%. It works alongside other measures including vaccination, good ventilation, staying home when sick, and hand washing and other hygiene measures, to protect our students and staff. Keep up healthy habits – Unite Against COVID-19

Adult-sized masks can generally be adjusted to fit older children by tying knots in the ear loops. Unite Against COVID-19 shows how to do this: How to wear a face mask safely – Unite Against COVID-19

We know that that some of our tamariki/ākonga are exempt from wearing a mask. If they have an exemption card or a letter from their health provider, or we have agreed that mask wearing is not practicable for them, we will support them to not wear a mask. Apply for a face mask exemption pass – Unite Against COVID-19

Thank you for your support in protecting our school community.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

Nominations for Board of Trustees elections are now open. You would have received an email or letter in the post from CES with the Board of Trustees Nominations form. If you did not receive this please come in and see Bronwyn at our school office and she will gladly help you. If you have any questions at all regarding the Board of Trustees nominations please do not hesitate to come into school and see Bronwyn.



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ATTENDANCE

We are encouraging all our families if your child/ren is well please send them to school. We have great learning tasks and activities planned for our students this term and we want all our students to be engaged and part of all the amazing trips that they will be participating in. If you require any support or assistance please do not hesitate to contact us at school and any one of our Senior Leaders will be more than happy to be of service to your queries.

COOK ISLAND LANGUAGE WEEK

Next week we will be celebrating Cook Island Language week. The theme for Cook Island Language week is: 'Ātuitui'ia au ki te Oneone o tōku 'Ui Tupuna which means, connect me to the soil of my ancestors. We will send out more details for Cook Island Language week later this week.

Important Dates for Term 3:

1st - 5th August:	Cook Island Language Week
3rd August:	Board of Trustees Nominations close @ noon
8th August:	Year 1&2 Samoan Bilingual class begins
10th August:	ERO Visit
	TMNAK Seniors Maritime Museum Trip
11th August:	TMNAK Juniors Maritime Museum Trip
19th August:	Whole School Jump Jam Star Jam
24th August:	R1,2,4 Maritime Museum Trip
	R10,11,12,13,14 Kelly Tarltons Trip
25th August:	R3,5,7 Maritime Museum Trip
29th August:	SCHOOL CLOSED – ACCORD TEACHER ONLY DAY
5th-9th Sept:	Tongan Language Week
12th - 16th Sept:	Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori Language Week
26th - 30th Sept:	Tuvalu Language Week

Noho ora mai
Fa'afetai lava

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