

2021 Start of Year Notices



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Upcoming Events:

WEDNESDAY 3RD
FEBRUARY

Term 1 begins. Meet in the hall from 8.20am, school begins at 8.50am

MONDAY 8TH
FEBRUARY

Waitangi Day Observed - School Closed

22ND - 24TH
FEBRUARY

Year 0-3 Road Safety with NZ Police

WEDNESDAY 24TH
FEBRUARY

BOT Meeting

1ST - 3RD MARCH

Year 0-3 Road Safety with NZ Police

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We hope you are all enjoying a relaxing summer holiday!

A special welcome to all the new families joining The Gardens School in 2021.

In order to ensure a smooth start back to school for everyone, please see the information below:

Please make sure your child is prepared for the start of the new school year, in their correct school uniform and with their stationery pack in their bag on the first day of school. Information about uniform and stationery was sent out at the end of 2020, and can be found on Page 3 of this newsletter.

All students are to meet in the school hall on the morning of Wednesday, February 3rd. The bell will ring as usual at 8.50am. Students should keep their school bags with them, so that stationery can be unpacked once they get to their learning areas. We will read out each Hapori as a whole group and students will then make their way to their learning spaces, with their teachers.

Orientation visits and New Entrant pre-visits in Term 4 mean that the majority of students have already spent time in their new learning spaces, so we expect a very smooth start to the year. We ask that parents do not follow children once they leave the hall - we promise your children will be just fine. If you need some time to calm your own nerves, please support Cafe Aroha, who are just across the road - we can highly recommend their coffee!

From the second day of term, all students will use their regular entry points in the morning at the 8.20am bell. New children will have these shown to them on the first day. **FRIDAY DROP IN:** A reminder to all parents that Friday morning is our "drop-in" morning, parents are welcome to come into our learning spaces between 8.20am and 8.50am, starting Friday 5th February.

Finally, a reminder about parking. Please drive and park safely and legally. There is no parent parking in any of the staff carparks, including the Rosehill carpark at the top of Mt Lebanon Cres. Please do your part to keep all our kids safe, especially during the busy, back to school period.

Susannah Fowler, Principal

Pick Up and Drop Off

Early Pick Up: Year 0-2 Students

With the changes to our Hapori structure for 2021, our early pick up option is ONLY available for students in Year 0, 1 and 2 (Kiwi and Kakapo Hapori) and follows the same system as we used in Term 4.

Early Pick Up is optional and is available from 2.30pm onwards.

Please wait outside the Arua Park gate at the Reception end of the school and your child will be brought out to you. Please note, we cannot release older siblings to you.

Year 3 - 6 (*Pukeko, Kotuku and Piwakawaka*) children will be released to Central Park, via the Library, at 2.50pm

Year 7-8 (*Kahu*) children will be released to Central Park, via South Park, at 2.50pm

Drop Off:

We continue with our Monday to Thursday drop-off at the door, with students entering the school as follows:

Kiwi and Kakapo Students - Arua Park Doors

Pukeko, Kotuku and Piwakawaka Students - Library doors in Central Park

Kahu Students - Action Station doors

Staff will always be available at the door to answer any queries you may have in the morning.

Friday morning Drop-In:

On Friday mornings we welcome parents to come into our teaching spaces and see what our kids have been up to. **This will begin on Friday 5th February**, we look forward to seeing you then.

Health and Wellbeing

Health and Wellbeing of students and staff

Although there is currently no community transmission of Covid-19, we know from experience that this can change overnight and it is important for us all to continue to be vigilant around health and safety.

- Children who are sick should be kept home from school
- Children who come to school and are unwell, will be sent home
- Our regular cleaning procedures remain in place, both during the day and after school
- As with our usual expectations, children are not to share any food or drinks at school
- Parents who enter the school office are reminded to scan in using the Covid-19 App. We also encourage you to scan in for Friday morning drop-in and you will find QR codes at the main student entry points.
- If Alert Levels change, our procedures and protocols will change immediately

Important Reminders

Stationery Orders: 2021

School stationery must be ordered in advance of Term 1 starting.

Please go to this link <https://www.myschool.co.nz/> and enter The Gardens School, to see the requirements list for each Hapori.

Please ensure you order the full list of items for each child. We endeavour to keep stationery requirements to the minimum, and everything that is listed is required. We choose to use Office Max for quality and consistency, particularly with exercise books, as these can vary greatly between brands, so please do not substitute items. Send the WHOLE pack to school with your child on the first day of term.

BYOiPAD: Year 5, 6, 7 & 8

Students from Year 5 upwards are asked to bring an Apple iPad to school. Information about our BYOiPad programme was sent to all Year 4 families in 2020, however, additional information is available here, on our school website:

<http://www.thegardens.school.nz/curriculum/byod/>

If you have any questions regarding our BYOiPad programme, please contact our Lead Teacher of ICT, Christine Hansen, christineh@thegardens.school.nz

School Uniforms

All students must start the new school year, in full correct summer uniform. Sandals are recommend for the summer terms and must be **plain black**. They must stay on well, with a strap around the back of the ankle. School shoes should be appropriate for school (not a fashion shoe), must stay on well and must be **plain black** and worn with **plain black or white ankle socks**.

School hats are compulsory in Term 1. **Year 0-6 students must have the tan bucket hat.**

Any new or replacement items must be purchased in time for the start of the year, please see Argyle Online for more information about delivery timeframes:

<https://www.argyleonline.co.nz/shop/auckland/the-gardens-school>

For full details about our uniform expectations, please see our website: <http://www.thegardens.school.nz/information/school-uniform/>

Uniform requirements for Year 7/8:

Students in Year 7/8 have a slightly different uniform to the rest of the school. This is designed to identify them as our school leaders.

Year 7/8 students require:

- The BLACK school cap or BLACK bucket hat
- Dark grey intermediate skirt or dark grey intermediate shorts
- All other uniform items remain the same, including plain black shoes or sandals and plain black or white socks.

The woollen knee-high intermediate socks are no long a required item and are no longer in production.



2021 SCHOOL ORGANISATION



HAPORI	HAPORI LEADER	TEACHING TEAM
Year 0/1 	Hayley Williams	Hayley Williams Reem Mesmar Monika Ohari Genna Pienaar
Year 2 	Paige Starrkley	Paige Starrkley Maria Walsh Jennifer Rucker
Year 3 	Amy Luck	Amy Luck Hayley-Ann Botha Preet Saini
Year 4 	Tracey Kuba	Tracey Kuba Chané van Tonder Lily Bradshaw Carol Kent
Year 5/6 	Tanya Griffin	Tanya Griffin Sara Hayward Karen Davies Daniel Morari Hugh Wong Elizabeth Barrowman Lua Mauga
Year 7/8 	Morgan Rowland	Morgan Rowland Cadence Harvey Jess Tomkins Robyn van Rooyen Chris van Tonder Juanita Swanepoel

