

# Term 2 Information



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## WELCOME BACK TO TERM 2

We are excited to welcome everyone back to what we hope will be a more settled and “normal” Term 2. In order to ensure a smooth start back to school for everyone, we ask that you please read this whole newsletter carefully, as there are changes to some procedures and protocols that have been in place, and the continuation of others which have served us well as we have navigated the last 2+ years with Covid-19.

We will continue to have a strong emphasis on the safety and wellbeing of our students and staff and we appreciate the ongoing support of our community.

### **Attendance at School**

We know that the first term was a challenging time for many families and we were pleased to see the vast majority of our students back at school by the end of Term 1. **Our expectation for Term 2, is that ALL students will be attending school in person, unless** they are required to isolate as a household contact or as a positive Covid-19 case. **Remote Learning will not be provided in Term 2.** Any students who are required to isolate will have access to the TGS Learning Hub (Y0-6) via their Remote Learning Page in Hero and our Year 7/8 Kahu students will be able to access their learning from home, via Google Classroom, as they would if they were at school. We will be following up on all non-attendance, in line with Ministry of Education guidelines.

### **Break Times**

This term we return to our normal break times for all Hapori.

8.50am - 10.35am	Block 1
10.35am - 11.05am	Morning Tea
11.05am - 12.35pm	Block 2
12.35pm - 1.25pm	Lunch
1.25pm - 2.50pm	Block 3

We remind parents that school is open for students to enter from 8.20am. There is no supervision for children who arrive at school before 8.20am and we strongly encourage you to consider enrolling your child in Before School Care, if you will regularly need to drop them off earlier than this. We also ask that, wherever possible, **children are not collected from school during the break times**, as it can be difficult to locate them quickly in the playgrounds. If you need to collect your child during the school day for some reason, please **phone ahead** so that our office staff know to expect you.

### **Mask Wearing**

The Ministry of Education continues to **strongly encourage the wearing of masks, by all adults and by students Year 4 and up, while indoors.** Visitors, including parents and caregivers, are strongly encouraged to wear a mask when indoors.

The Gardens School staff will continue to wear masks and we ask that any parents/visitors to school wear a mask when inside the school buildings or in areas outside where congestion is more likely e.g., pick up time. We thank you for your ongoing support with helping to keep our students, staff and wider community well protected.

### **Health and Wellbeing**

All students will continue to have hand-sanitiser applied as they enter school in the morning and exit in the afternoon. Regular hand washing will be expected during the day.

Any students who are unwell, for any reason, should stay at home. If children are suspected of being unwell at school, they will be sent home immediately.

All students are expected to have their own named personal water bottle and named lunch box, everyday.

### **Visitors at school/Parents on site**

We are pleased to be able to open the school grounds up to parents once again. We do ask that you continue to be mindful of others and practice physical distancing, wherever possible.

### **Contacting students during the day**

We have become aware of students contacting parents during the school day. This often leads to confusion for parents and staff and we are reminding all students that any contact with parents must be made through the office. We are asking parents to please support us with this and refrain from contacting your children directly while they are at school. If you need to get a message to your child, please phone the office.

### **Drop Off and Pick Up**

Year 0-2 (Kiwi and Kakapo): There are NO changes to Drop Off and Pick Up. **Optional** early pick up from 2.30pm continues. Please drop off and pick up at the Arua Park gate, as usual.

Year 3 (Pukeko): Pick up will be back in Central Park at **2.50pm** - we ask that parents please access Central Park via the path behind the caretakers shed or via the field.

Years 4-8: Students may enter and exit the school from any gate, however we strongly encourage students/parents to continue with the very good habits that were established in Term 1 and to arrange meeting places slightly away from the main buildings, to avoid congestion.

### **Friday Drop In**

We are pleased to be able to re-start our "Friday Drop In" mornings at last! These will begin in Week 1, with the first Drop-In on **Friday 6th May**. Parents are invited to come into the school buildings on a **Friday morning between 8.20am and 8.50am**, to see what your children have been up to. In line with the Ministry of Education recommendations, we strongly encourage parents to wear a mask, while inside the school buildings.

### **TGS Open to Learning Week!**

In Week 3 we will be holding a series of "Open Classrooms" where parents are invited to come in to school from 9.30am -10.30am, to work alongside your children in their learning spaces. In order to minimise congestion, we have staggered these visits over the week, so you may need to attend on multiple days, to see all your children. Please pop these dates into your diaries now and keep an eye out for the digital RSVP form which will be coming out in the first week of term.

Tuesday 17th May: Year 4 (Kotuku)

Wednesday 18th May: Year 0/1, Year 2 & Year 3 (Kiwi, Kakapo, Pukeko)

Thursday 19th May: Year 5 and Year 6 (Tui and Piwakawaka)

Friday 20th May: Year 7/8 (Kahu)

## **School Uniforms**

We are encouraging all **our students to wear our school uniform correctly** and with pride, at all times.

From the start of Term 2, we expect all students to be in full, correct school uniform. This includes PLAIN BLACK shoes worn with PLAIN BLACK or PLAIN WHITE socks. School shoes must be worn to and from school.

School hats are not required in Term 2, please keep these in a safe place at home so that they are ready when needed, later in the year.

Please ensure that any hair accessories (hair-ties, clips, headbands etc) are only in the school colours of red, black or white. Any hair that reaches the shoulders or hangs in front of the face, must be tied back.

No makeup or nail polish should be worn at school.

Jewellery should be limited to stud earrings, wristwatches and items worn for cultural/religious reasons.

Our Junior **Students in Year 0-3 may wear their PE gear to school on their allocated PE day** (PE days will be communicated to you in your Team Newsletter). Year 4-8 students will be expected to change for PE/fitness activities once they are at school.

Please ensure that all items of school uniform are clearly named, so that they can be easily returned. If you have purchased pre-owned uniform, please put a line through any other names and re-name these items for your own child.

Please send a note to school with your child if they are waiting on a uniform item to be replaced or if they need a uniform pass for some other reason.

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

## **School Lunches**

All students are expected to sit down at eat at the start of morning tea and lunchtime and require a suitable lunch box or container for their food. Eating is supervised by duty teachers.

Hospice lunches can be currently be purchased for a Wednesday and we will soon begin to offer Foodtastic options on other days, so please keep an eye out for more information about lunch ordering. If you child has a lunch order, please still make sure to send them with food they can eat at morning tea.

## **Wheels Wednesday**

This term we will be re-introducing "Wheels Wednesday" where students of any age can bring their "wheels" (scooters, bikes, skateboards) to school and ride them during the break times. All the required safety gear is needed for all wheel users. Year 0-2 wheels will be kept on the deck in Arua Park, Year 3-8 wheels **must be locked** at either the bike racks or on the garden side of the fence at the rear of the basketball court.

Year 0-2 students will be able to ride their wheels on the Weka court area.

Year 3-8 bikes will be used on the bike track, scooters and skateboards on the loop track near the top field sandpit.

## **School Wide Events**

We will not be holding any school wide events until further notice, this includes parent assemblies.

## **Covid-19 Updates**

Close Contact notifications and school-wide updates about cases will continue to be sent, when necessary.

We look forward to seeing you on Monday!