

TGS Opens 2nd February



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We have been advised by the Ministry of Education, that Auckland schools may now open and we are very pleased to confirm with you that **The Gardens School will be open for ALL students, from tomorrow, Thursday 2nd February.**

There are no changes to our first day procedures that were shared previously, please see these below if you have missed them. Please see the end of Page 2 for Information about our "Open Night - Meet the Teachers" event.

First Day Procedures

ALL students are to make their way to the **school hall from 8.20am on Thursday 2nd February**. Entry will be via the doors closest to the basketball court. Staff will point you in the right direction if you are unsure where to go.

Hapori Leaders and teachers will be in the hall to welcome students and line them up in their Hapori groups. Parents can either drop off, or are welcome to wait in the hall while the classes are organised. There will be many staff on hand to help with anxious students and first day nerves, and we highly recommend the coffee at Cafe Aroha for any parents who might have first day nerves themselves :)

At 8.50am we will begin moving students to their learning spaces and our school day will begin.

What to Bring

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, ready for the day. They will need their **school hat**, morning tea and lunch packed in their own named lunchbox and a named water bottle.

Pick Up - End of Day

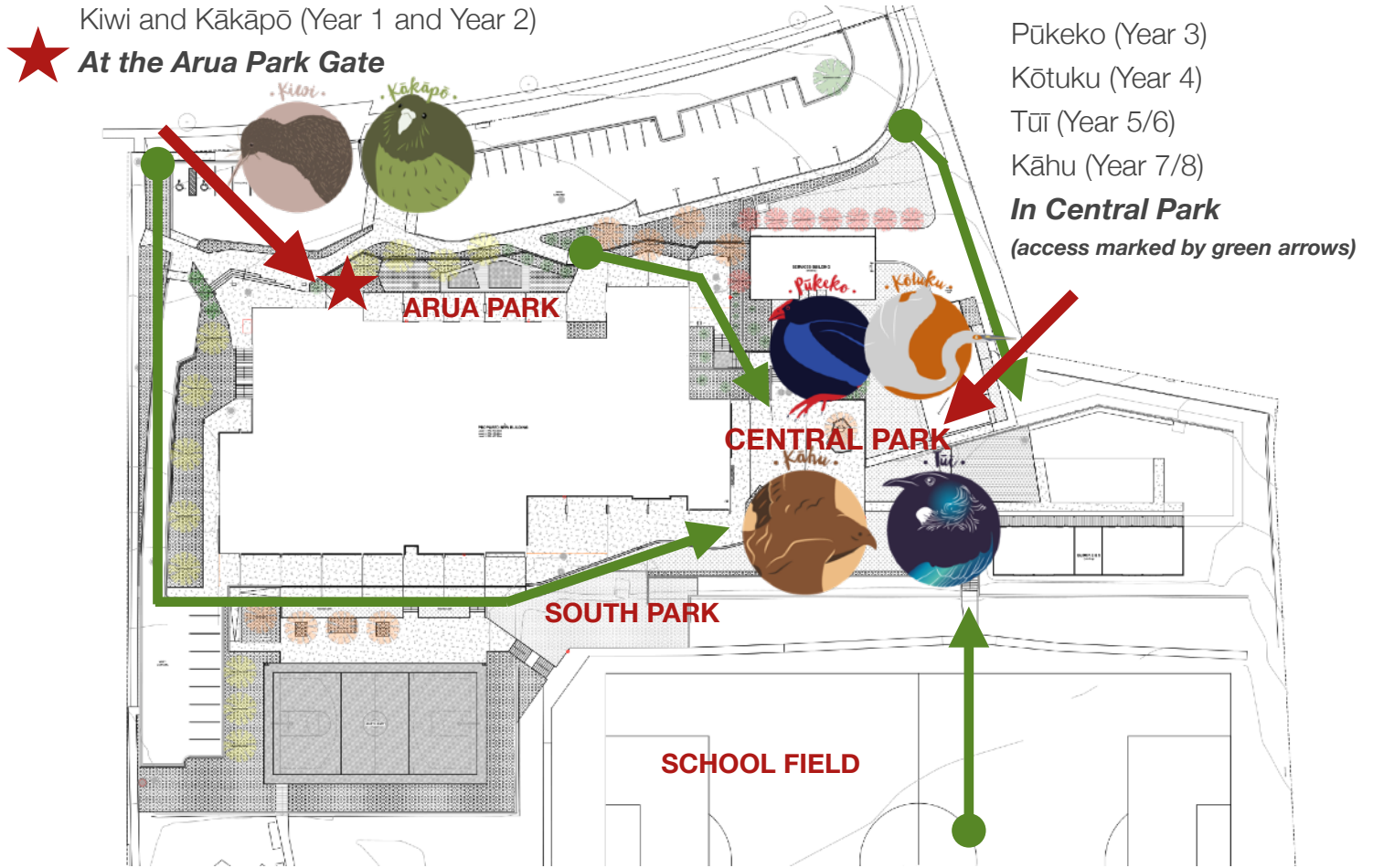
School ends at 2.50pm. Years 3-8 students are dismissed into Central Park and parents/caregivers are welcome to wait in this area to collect them. Central Park can be accessed via the path behind the caretakers shed, from the top field, from the pedestrian path beside the shops or via the bottom gate at Arua Park (closest to the caretakers shed).

Kiwi and Kākāpō (Year 1 and 2) - We continue to offer an OPTIONAL early pick up for students in Kiwi (Year 1) and Kākāpō (Year 2). Children in these teams can be collected at **any time between 2.30pm and 2.50pm**. Pick up of all Kiwi and Kākāpō children is from the Arua Park gate closest to the office. **Please wait outside the gate** and your child will be brought out to you. Please note there is no parent access into Arua Park at this gate.

We have provided a map on the next page to indicate the pick up points. The green lines indicate how to access Central Park if you are picking up students in Year 3-8.

Children who attend After School Care go directly to the Weka block after school. Year 1 and 2 students are taken by a staff member.

Pick Up Points



Open Night – Meet the Teachers

Tuesday 7th February, 5pm

We plan to keep our original Open Night - Meet the Teacher date, and we look forward to seeing many of you there. The agenda for the evening is as follows:

5.00pm - School Wide Information Meeting for all families - in the HALL. **New families are strongly encouraged to attend.**
5.30pm - 7.00pm - Hapori spaces will be open for you to visit and meet your child's teachers.

Hapori Leaders will be giving a short presentation about their Hapori in their teaching spaces at the following times:

5.30pm - Kiwi (Year 0/1) and Kāhu (Y7/8) - *this will be repeated at 6.15pm*
5.45pm - Kākāpō (Year 2) and Tūi (Year 5/6) - *this will be repeated at 6.30pm*
6.00pm - Pūkeko (Year 3) and Kōtuku (Year 4) - *this will be repeated at 6.45pm*

If you need any help setting up or accessing HERO - our Deputy Principal, Kate Gifford, will be available in the hall from 5.30pm onwards.