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2021 End; 2022 Beginning

*Nau te rourou, naku te rourou, ka ora nga tangata
My food basket, your food basket together will feed the people.*

The last five weeks of this year have been some of the best we have had at Fruitvale. The small class sizes, the way the community, you, all have supported us as we work to transition your children back safely to school in these COVID times.

This is our new normal, like everybody we hope that 2022 will be all clear but that isn't supported by the science and we are well prepared and unafraid.

We have got this. We will be fine, because we plan to be fine and we look forward to everyone, every single student, being back on site in February 2022. We begin school on the 8th of February.

*Hurihia to aroaro ki t era tukuna to ataranagi kia taka ki muri I a koe.
Turn your face to the sun and the shadows fall behind you.*

I have won a sabbatical for Term One 2022. I will be writing up evidence for a trauma approach that Fruitvale developed and has innovated and grown since its inception. It has worked extremely well here and is working now in five other schools. It has changed young people's trajectories and enhanced many lives. I look forward to getting this report created and circulated to a wider audience. Of course, you and your children will be in very good hands because at Fruitvale we are a team which I am only one part of. Hine Viskovich will step into the Principal role and Shirley into the DP role.

I have complete confidence in Hine and Shirley, as does the Fruitvale BOT who approved my sabbatical. I will be on the end of a phone and never far away.

Ngā mihi o te kirihimete me te Tau Hau
Merry Christmas. All the best for the new year. We are looking forward to an awesome 2022

Donal McLean

Principal
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