

## Principal's Newsletter

Term 1 - Return to School

## Fruitvale School

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Kia Ora koutou Whanau o Te Kura a Fruitvale

Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi Engari, he toa takitini

"My successes are not mine alone, they are ours - the greatest successes we will have are from working together"

2022 begins on February 8 at 8:55am for all of Fruitvale. We want all tamariki / whanau safely getting into the new school year on this day.

Day 1; 2022, will look a lot like day end 2021.

With that in mind we will -

- Meet your tamariki at the gate off the Fruitvale Road drive from 8:30am. Gates will be locked at 9:15am
- Tamariki will be in their classes (with masks if possible, except Y4-6 who must wear masks). The class will become your child's bubble.

Juniors will have their lunchtimes together

Seniors will have their lunchtimes together

- At 2:45 we will begin to send your children home at the same gate that they came in.
- No Adults on site please

To alleviate the worst of outcomes we will be emphasizing separation of groups. This will most effectively allow us to monitor your children's and our staff's safety. It will mean we will most easily and effectively identify contacts and be in the best position to advise next steps in the event of an outbreak of omicron.

We will be relying on you communicating with us about any sickness in your whanau and keeping your children home until they have become well. Can you please send the office copies of negative COVID tests when your child has been sick.

Your calm and friendly attitude will help any nervous tamariki coming back to school.

We are looking forward to a full year at school with everyone keeping as well as is possible. We will be keeping you updated with timely information over this and the other three terms of the year.

To buy stationery follow the procedure sent out on FACEBOOK or on the website. https://www.fruitvale.school.nz/quick-links/stationery-lists-2022

To attach masks properly watch this video:

https://www.healthnavigator.org.nz/healthy-living/f/face-mask-how-to-wear-a-face-mask-safely/

These contacts are available to you if you need help or support:

- Isolation and care
- Getting extra support if you have COVID-19 or are self-isolating
- https://visionwest.org.nz/
- There is also a wide variety of COVID-19 information in <u>27 languages</u> and <u>four alternate</u> formats on the Unite Against COVID-19 website.

We look forward to working alongside you all in 2022. Nga mihi nui

Donal, Hine and Fruitvale staff

Donal McLean

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