



Principal's Newsletter

Term 1 Week 1

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Ko Tangitu toku maunga
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Ko Ngati Kahu o Whangaroa toku iwi
Ko Te Aeto toku hapu
Te Patunga te marae
Ko Hine Viskovich ahau



Kia ora whānau! Nga mihi nui, nga mihi mahana. Nau mai Haere mai!

I hope you are all keeping well and feel your connection with our school even though we still have a lot of restrictions in place. Our students and teachers are happy at school and are engaging in lots of learning and fun here at Fruitvale. Welcome back to those teachers, staff and students that were required to isolate at Phase 2 of Omicron. My apologies for not getting a newsletter out last week, but it was a very busy time, however, I feel we have got through the worst of it, in terms of how schools are required to respond to cases. Here are some updates from the precious two weeks:

Omicron

- Move from Phase 2 to Phase 3. As detailed to you in earlier emails, we will no longer be sending class groups home. Only students, teachers and staff who are household contacts or who test positive will be required to stay home for 10 days
- If your child has any covid symptoms, such as; a runny nose, fever, headaches or cough, please keep them home until they test negative. Keep your child home if anyone in your home has Covid.
- If your child tests positive let us know. This is the information we need from you: Name and class, last day they were at school, Date test was done and the type of test. If your child becomes a household contact let us know.
- Teachers will be extra vigilant in noticing students with symptoms, parents will be rung to collect their child.
- Thank you parents for supporting your child to wear a mask (for those that can), washing hands frequently etc. Thank you whanau for the sacrifices families are making to keep themselves safe.
- We warmly welcome everyone back, it is great for your child's well-being to be back at school.

Support available to whānau who are isolating (from Shirley White)

- Vision West has a Covid Care team with support and food parcels available for Whanau who are having to isolate at home. Their contact details are as follows:
covidcare@visionwest.org.nz

If you are needing this support, email with your details - Name, number of people in the home and that you would like support with food as you are isolating at home because of Covid. They will get back in contact with you.

If you have someone from outside of your household who can support you in picking up a food parcel, Vision West has a Pataka Kai for emergency food parcels open 12 until 2, Tuesday to Friday at 97 Glendale Road, Glen Eden. They need the name of the person who the parcel is for, their phone details, address, and the number of people in the home.

If you are not isolating but are needing support with food, you can go to the Pataka Kai for an emergency food parcel at the times shown and address as above.

Vision West can also be contacted by phoning 818 0781.

Road Patrol

- Constable Carl has been training our students, we will be selecting our road patrol team once training is completed
- We have new signs at the Fruitvale Road crossing, and our students do not need to carry them any more. The new signs are locked in place and only an adult should unlock and release them.

Helen

- We welcome back Helen today and she is loving teaching skills and games with our children.

Global Learning Centre (Library)

- Is open! Hooray! [Janelle Callaghan](#), Tina and Ange have made this a beautiful place for students to engage with books, as well as Lego currently and I know Donal has even more plans. Students have been without a library for so long now, it is wonderful that they can take out books and have this great learning space.
- This is a message from Miss Callaghan in recognition of the mahi Tina and Ange done...
*"Mrs. Clark and Ange,
I just want to say thank you on behalf of myself and the school. You have both done an amazing job with setting up the Global Learning Centre and making it a warm, welcoming and comfortable environment to be in. I know our students are so excited to have their library sessions and lego sessions, and it is thanks to you both for putting endless hours into doing the tedious task so we can open on time whilst I continue to teach my class. You have both made it so much more achievable for me to support the teachers with their sessions as best as I can. My class alone has been to the Global Learning Centre three times and they love it more and more each visit. Thank you both so much, you are awesome".*
- I will be sharing photos at our Assembly

Zoom Assembly

- We will be having our Assembly Zoom at 9.30 am this Friday. You are all welcome to attend
- Link: <https://zoom.us/j/97900700716?pwd=R1ZGaGhjUnUyS0E2KzhWZnYydkN3dz09>

Hine Viskovich

- I am announcing to you all that at the end of this term, I am taking up a Principal position at Matatoki School. This school is in the Thames area, and has brought forward our family plans to move there permanently. I have been at Fruitvale for a long time, so I am excited and nervous to leave my Fruitvale whanāu! Donal, Shirley and all the staff at Fruitvale are truly the best team to work alongside, the community here is wonderful, you are all so supportive of the school, and we feel appreciated, the students are always the best part of my day and the best asset of the school. Arohanui.

Have a great week, we look forward to more of our students returning. Keep well whānau!

Ka kite!
Hine Viskovich
Acting Principal