

## TE REO O TE KURA

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Kia ora Koutou,  
Greetings to you all. We're now onto Week 3 and what a busy two weeks we've had so far. Your children seem really happy to be back at school even though we have a lot of different things happening to keep them all safe. The major difference is that teams have different play and lunch times. This is working well as it means less children outside at once. Also teachers are giving their own classes lots of short 5 minute breaks outside to allow classrooms to refresh.

### EXTRA SAFETY

We now have a large air purifier for every room and this has an indicator to show if the air needs refreshing (the total cost for us was \$27,000) but we believe it is well worth this money to keep our kids safe. We also have CO2 Indicators for every room that were forwarded by the Ministry of Education at no cost to us. Windows and doors are wide open too.

### SCHOOL IS OPEN

It has been great to see 64% of our children back at school. We need all our children back to face-to-face learning though as we have lost so much time.



### HOME LEARNING

If your child is isolating at home owing to a family member being a close contact through their work or whatever, please contact the school by phone or email: [office@finlaysonpark.school.nz](mailto:office@finlaysonpark.school.nz) or the school mobile 021 704008. We can then set up some home learning for your child. If your child tests negative they should return to school after 7 days.



### PASIFIKA FAMILIES

We have been lucky enough to get another grant from the Ministry of Education to support our Pasifika Fanau across the school to be involved in learning with your child. More information soon.

### SCHOOL DONATION

Family donations are not needed again this year as the Government is funding these for you. Yay!! Good news. If your child goes on Camp this year you may be asked for funds to cover food and transport as these are not covered in the Government grant.

### FREE STATIONERY, FREE LUNCHES, FREE FRUIT

Your children have their stationery packs now. Our lunches are being delivered daily and student voice is continually being fed back to the Bite Lab company. They work hard to provide what our students like but they do have to follow the guidelines for healthy lunches from the Ministry of Education. Our fruit delivery began this week.



### TEACHER ONLY DAY & 3-WAY CONFERENCES

On 25<sup>th</sup> March there will be no classes for students as teachers will be 3-way conferencing with you. Teachers will be meeting parents online or by telephone (if you have no connectivity) for 3-way conferencing. This is a very important meeting to discuss where your child is at and their goals for the next few months and how you can help at home. You will get a letter soon to choose a block of time that suits you/whanau and tick how you want to be contacted. The Teacher will finalise an appointment time for you.

**Your child stays home on this day.** If your child is a member of our Out of School Care programme this will be available from 8am to 6pm on this day.

### MEET THE TEACHER

This year this event will be coupled with the 3-way conferencing on 25<sup>th</sup> March and will not be a separate event.

### GROOMING

We have a few students who have returned after the holidays with hairstyles that sit outside of our school policy. Hair dyed, odd cuts. Please return your child's hair to the usual "normal" style and studs only in pierced ears.



### MANAKIDS NURSES

The message for all of our Community is that on **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February** (this week) ManaKids Health will have a COVID Vaccination Day in our School Hall for ages 5-11 and parents and other whanau members. Nurse Mele.  
**Where:** Finlayson Park School Hall  
**Time:** 9.00am-3.00pm  
Gifts for all (vouchers, school bags, etc). Please see details over page.

### VACANCY 1

**Handyperson** wanted to work in our school 2-3 days per week. Must have skills with hammer/saws to fix and mend our school resources. Apply with CV to:

[bfogarty@finlaysonpark.school.nz](mailto:bfogarty@finlaysonpark.school.nz)

### VACANCY 2

**Builder's Labourer** – must be enthusiastic and a good worker. Changing hours but approximately 30-35 per week. No experience needed, just be willing and have initiative. Youth welcome to apply. Apply with CV to Principal:

[office@finlaysonpark.school.nz](mailto:office@finlaysonpark.school.nz)

Look after yourselves. Thank you for your support.  
Nga mihi maioha,

(Mrs) S J Maihi QSM  
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