

CENTENNIAL PARK SCHOOL

“Live Truly”



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Kia ora e te Whānau, *Final Assembly Letter to our whānau*

We've finally reached the last week of the school learning year for 2021. What a challenge this year has been and it continues to unsettle us in so many ways.

Thank you whānau for your support in agreeing to have our final assembly and farewell to our year 8's in a very different way this year. For those attending either online or at the kura, it will be an opportunity to say our final goodbyes to our Year 8 students. For many of the Yr 8's, they have come through this kura since they were 5-year old's and as they embark onto High School, we hope they look back and treasure the time they had at Te Kura Rautau. The final assembly will be an opportunity to acknowledge all our students that have worked hard over the year and to also appreciate those that have been recognized for outstanding achievements across the curriculum and learning fields.

It is with sadness we are unable to have everyone attend our final assembly in person, but we want to reassure whānau that all precautionary efforts have been made to ensure the safety of those in attendance are not at risk. This includes having everyone covid tested including students. It includes the layout of seating for safe distancing arrangements in the MPR. It includes open windows and doors for ventilation. It includes the wearing of masks. It includes having a very limited number of students and staff only in attendance at the assembly. It includes having the kai prepared for each individual and not as a self-serve.

As we head into the holidays and the countdown to Christmas in a few days' time, it is important we acknowledge those whānau who are unable to be together due to self-isolation requirements. Covid 19 has been terribly frustrating for our small community, and we must remind ourselves not to ease off the safety measures needed to keep ourselves safe during this time.

'A huge Paki Up' to you whānau. You can be extremely proud of how your tamariki have stayed committed to their learning throughout the year. This has not been easy for anyone. Our staff have tried their best to work directly with you and your tamariki as the one point of call to keep things easy and on task. We are grateful and proud of how tamariki have logged onto the morning learning sessions dressed in uniform and ready for the day. For all of those that have done your best and kept it going – a big mihi to you. Thank you for your commitment.

We will do our best to plan for a very busy and active start to the school term next year. We are hopeful of hosting a consultation hui where we need your ideas and voice. This will happen early in Term 1 as well. We will keep you posted.

Final Assembly this Thursday brings an official end to the school year for all students. School will restart on Thursday 3rd February 2022. A staff only day will be held on Tuesday 1st and 2nd Feb 2022.

To recap on what is happening:

- **Final Assembly this Thursday 16th December starting at 11am.**
(for those students attending, they have been advised to arrive earlier and pick up times at the end will be advised by each kaiako)
- **Final Assembly**
- **All devices that have been used by students are asked to be discussed with Kaiako so they can be returned to kura in a safe way**
- **School will restart in 2022 (Thursday 3rd February) for all students**
- **Staff Only days will be held on Tues and Wed 1st and 2nd Feb 2022**

On behalf of all our Staff and Board of Trustees:

Ko te hiahia kia noho haumarū koe i te wa o te Kirihimete
We wish you all a very safe Christmas and holiday break.

Kei te tumanako tatou ki te hui ano a tera tau
We look forward to reuniting altogether again next year.

Kevin Ikin
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