

Greetings from Weber School!

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Good morning...Morena....Hello!

Our first five day week of the term is coming up! The classes have continued their focus on setting up classroom routines, expectations and this week add more structured lessons. With the change of alert levels last night, there will be increased hygiene practices and social distancing as appropriate. All information was in last night's email. If you did not receive it, please contact the school. Email will be the main point of contact for any covid information.

Last week I was really impressed with the attitude and eagerness of all the students but want to particularly acknowledge our seniors. They have been active learners, engaging in the tasks, completing all to a high standard, and also respectful. I am incredibly proud to hear from Miss Holyoake that they are already coming up with ideas to make a difference at school. It was lovely to have Mrs Arnold in the senior room last Wednesday and she will be in the middle room this Wednesday.



We have had to postpone our additional learning activities this week. Ko Wai Au will start next week in our middle/senior class on Tuesdays. This is a focus on Maori kaupapa/

protocols and is a combined teaching approach between the teachers and Rangitane. I am so excited that this is beginning at Weber School and we hope the culminating event will be a Marae visit. Guitar lessons begin next week. We are fully subscribed at this time. This week we also may begin our standardised assessments (PAT/STAR) and there are some additional assessments being completed for our new literacy focus.

Fridays – each Friday we have only four staff on site and we are all working in classrooms/ covering duty which means no one is in the office or available for uniforms etc. We do clear the answerphone but appreciate knowing any changes to buses/pick up by 1pm. Have a wonderful week everyone!

Attendance

- At tonight's BOT meeting we will be discussing attendance targets for 2021.
- I will update next week.
- With both the current situation and colds/tummy bugs affecting some students already, parents have been asking for clarification about keeping students at home. If your child is sick, and particularly if they have spreadable symptoms (runny nose/coughing) PLEASE keep them at home. If they feel unwell then they are less likely to learn and we do not want bugs spreading throughout the class. Teaching them how to blow their nose/sanitise hands etc helps reduce spreading as well.

IMPORTANT DATES Term One

15th February
- BOT meeting, 5pm

10 March
Weber Swimming – at Wai Splash

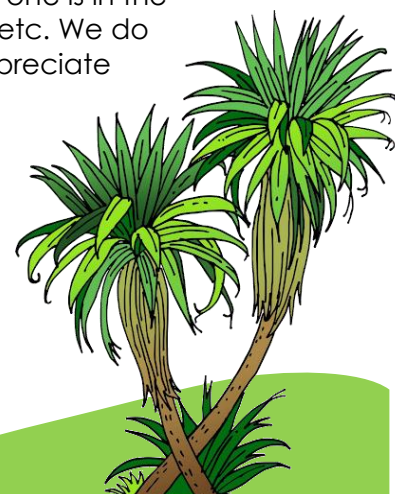
15 March
Country School Swimming

23 March – Weet-bix Triathlon

25 March
Interschool Swimming

2-6 April
Easter Break

16 April – End of term





The 'bits and bobs'...

- Library/Kapa Haka – is planned to start this week! Students will visit the library every Friday so please send their books back to school each week.
- Pool – with an incredible (meaning many, many hours) effort from Jason Leipst and Simon Hales, the pool is full. The next step is to treat the water, get the new system up and running (at which time students could swim). Further steps include building works such as concreting and new doors installed.

- Fundraising – we had an excellent meeting last Thursday and thank you to all those who either attended or sent through apologies. Lots of new ideas as well as strategising about what we already do. **HEADS UP:** We have a **major fundraising drive coming up** and will be relying on your support.

Schooldocs

All school policies and procedures are available at schooldocs. Please follow the [link](#). Username is weber and password is learning.

Weetbix Tryathlon

The annual Weetbix tryathlon will be held on Tuesday 23rd March. This is not a school event, and it is up to parents to organise if they would like their child to participate. It is counted as a justified absence.

You can register [here](#)



TEAM THREE REQUEST
Team Three is in charge of the building table. If anyone has milk bottle lids or items of use on a building table – we would appreciate you sending these to school.

