

## School at Orange Level

Last week a community update was sent out to all families explaining how school will operate under the Orange level.

You can read the full update [here](#).

Important things to note at 'orange' are:

- Masks indoors at schools are STRONGLY ENCOURAGED
- We welcome our community back onto our school grounds. We request that if entering a building - office or classroom that you wear a mask please.
- If coming into school during school hours (9am-3pm) please visit the office to sign in 'as normal'.
- Students are welcome to use any of our gates to enter and exit the school. Gates open at 8:15 am. Students can enter their classrooms from 8:30am.
- If you require care/supervision for your child before 8:30am please contact Lisa at Ultimate Kidz to arrange before school care.
- The drop off zone will remain closed in the afternoons.
- Please continue to inform us if your child is isolating as a household contact or has tested positive for Covid.
- We will continue to provide learning opportunities for students who are isolating as household contacts

## Changes to Breaks and Break Times

During 'Red' we had 3 shorter breaks outside during the day rather than 2 longer breaks as well as staggered breaks for different teams. We found the 3 breaks successful, helping children focus in class and lessening some unwanted playground behaviours. For the first half of this term we are trialling a new 3 break system. This means earlier (and shorter) morning tea and lunchtime to our traditional breaks with the addition of a short break in the afternoon. This also helps us with our ventilation of spaces and gives students regular breaks from wearing masks indoors. We are also trialling a 'play first, eat second' model at break times, which research has shown results in happier playtimes, emptier lunchboxes and a more settled start to the new learning session.

Blocks and Breaks:

- Block One 9-10:30
- *Break One 10:30 -10:50 followed by Read and Feed (10 min)*
- Block Two 11-12:30
- *Break Two 12:30-12:55 followed by Read and Feed (15 min)*
- Block Three 1:10-1:50
- *Break Three 1:50-2:10*
- Block Four 2:10-3pm

## Community Calendar

With quiet confidence we are beginning to add events to our [Community Calendar](#). Keep an eye on it as more dates will be added. There is no Teacher Only Day in Term 2.

There are two public holidays; Queen's Birthday on Monday June 6, and Matariki on Friday June 24.