



12th May 2022
Week 2, Term 2

“Better Together” **“Mahi Tahi”**

Kia ora whānau

This week feels like it has flown by and I feel like there has been so much going on throughout the week. As I write this the children are doing their laps of the field in preparation for tomorrow's cross country, some senior children are away debating against Omihi School, and in class they are focussing on preparing their poems for the poetry competition.

With many children recovering from the effects of Covid, and others away as household contacts or with Covid right now the numbers in some race fields in the cross country will be small. This means that from Year 4-8 a top 6 finish does not necessarily mean that the children will be put through to Tri-Schools. The races will be timed for these year groups and decisions made from there as to who goes to the next level.

This week we have had 14 cases in the school. There were no new cases today.

Please continue to contact me if your child tests positive or becomes a household contact. I have to report to the MOE each day so they can track numbers and it also helps me keep track of case numbers. My contacts are: 027 22 33 959 or principal@ashleyrasahuri.school.nz

BOT Update on Orange Setting

At the BOT meeting on Monday night we looked at our risk management plan and assessed the risk of changing things from what we have in place at the moment at the orange setting for Covid. With 23 cases of Covid in the first 2 weeks and with over half the students and two thirds of the teachers not having yet had it, we have decided to stay with the rules we have in place. You will not notice anything new in terms of the restrictions in place, and we do not feel that we should ease any of our measures at this time.

We will continue to look at this at each board meeting to assess the need for our school. We are very aware that each school will be dealing with things differently, but our job is to look out for the best interests of our community.

This does mean however, that the advertised PTA disco that was a possibility for the 20th May has been postponed. This is considered a non curriculum event and as we can not ventilate the hall properly when set up for a disco, and with a considerable number of cases in the first two weeks, we deemed the risk too high. We will assess this for later in the term as we are very aware that our tamariki are missing out on many of the “fun” elements of belonging to a school community.

The BOT and I thank you for your continued support of the measures we have in place.

Whole School Cross Country

13th May 12.30-2.30pm

Where: Marshall-Lee's Property 79 Boundary Road

Students from Harakeke (Yr 4's) and Rakau are to be ready to leave school by 12, after eating lunch. Mānuka and Year 3 children and teachers will not leave school until after 1.30pm.

NB: We would love to have parental support to walk up the road with us at these times.

Children should be dressed warmly and may be carrying bags with drink bottles in.

Parents are to park at the school, and walk to the venue. Parents and staff will walk on the outside of the children, and children MUST stay in pairs, all walking towards oncoming traffic.

On arrival at the venue, everyone will be organised into CLASS YEAR GROUPS and there will be separate student and parent areas.

Children will sit on tarps in the holding/seating area, and must NOT move out of the holding area at all, unless they are being called for their race. When races are over, students will return to the holding/seating area and remain there for the duration. We are expecting that all children will stay until the last race is finished.

All students, staff and parents will return to school together when given instructions to leave, and then walk on the right side of the road, towards the traffic.

NOTE: no children will be able to leave the venue early i.e. after their race has finished as it is important to stay and support the other childrens' events.

CROSS COUNTRY PROGRAMME:

(Times are approximate)

12.30	Year 7 girls	3km
12.35	Year 7 boys	3km
12.50	Year 5 girls	2km
12.55	Year 5 boys	2km
1.15	Year 4 girls	1.5km
1.20	Year 4 boys	1.5km
1.40	Year 6 girls	2km
1.45	Year 6 boys	2km
2.00	Year 8 girls	3km
2.05	Year 8 boys	3km
2.15	Year 1,2,3 girls	
2.20	Year 1,2,3 boys	

School Donations

Thank you to those of you who have already paid this donation...or set up payments to do so.

The **school donation** amount for **one child is \$65 and for two or more it is \$120**. You will be invoiced for this shortly. If you would like to contribute more to the school to help improve what we can offer as a school, then we welcome donations of larger amounts at any stage. This would be best for our accounting purposes as a separate donation so that we can receipt this. For example if you would like to contribute \$80 or \$100 then we would ask that the \$65 is done first and then another donation separately. This is due to our SMS system that is unable to code things as well as we would like.

The school relies on this funding to enable us to carry out our daily programmes. This is because as a decile 10 school (the highest ranking a school can have) the Ministry of Education assumes that the community will contribute to the ongoing costs of education.

We fully understand that not everyone is in a position to do this but are just putting it out there as an option.

The school invoices have the school bank account number on them.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note: new additions to this are highlighted so it is easy for you to see.

12th May	PTA Meeting - tonight 7.30pm Staffroom
13th May	Whole school cross country
23rd May	Tri Schools Cross Country
2nd June	Whole School Poetry Finals 11.15pm School Hall
3rd June	Teacher Only Day - school closed
6th June	Queens Birthday Public Holiday
23rd June	Matariki Breakfast (details to be confirmed)
24th June	Matariki Public Holiday
8th July	Term 2 Ends
25th July	Term 3 Starts



The Loburn School

MID-WINTER QUIZmas

6.30PM, FRIDAY JUNE 17, 2022

RANGIORA SHOWGROUNDS FUNCTION CENTRE



TICKETS: \$120 PER TEAM

Max 6 per team | Includes a drink & light supper | 18+ event

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Online: bit.ly/loburnquiz

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AUCTIONS

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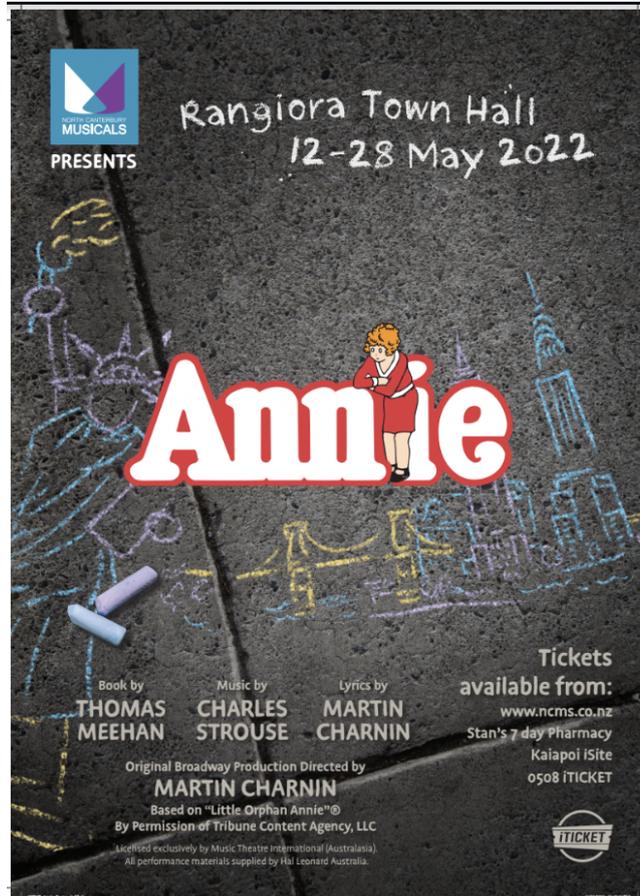


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