## CELEBRATING SUCCESS



Congratulations to all our certificate recipients! Tau ke!!

#### **SWIMMING AND SUNSMART IN TERM FOUR**

We are very lucky to have our own school pool and class swimming will begin next week. To save any confusion, please ensure your child has their togs and a towel every day.

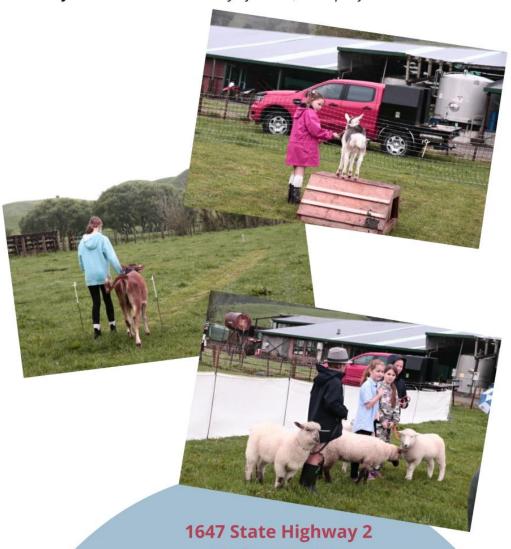


WOW!! Only 25 days left at primary school for our Year 8's!!

### **NEWS & KEY DATES**

UPCOMING TERM FOUR DATES TO ADD TO YOUR CALENDAR

Mon 15th-Thu 18th November - Year 7/8 Tech; Ōpōtiki College **Tues 30th Nov - Thu 2nd Dec -** Proposed alternative senior camp program **Friday 3rd December -** Tough Guy and Gal Challenge (Covid permitting) Monday 20th December - Last day of school; 12:30pm finish



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### THE NUKUHOU NEWS - T4 W4

Kia ora Parents and Whānau,

My apologies for the lack of communication of late, particularly regarding school newsletters. As I'm sure you will have seen in the media recently, New Zealand schools are currently facing a range of challenges as the date that the covid-19 vaccination mandate draws closer. Like most schools we are being impacted by the mandate and navigating this, and following the ever-changing government and Ministry of Education guidelines has required my full attention.

### What does the vaccination mandate mean for parents?

Effectively, from **Tuesday 16th November**, any adult who is working onsite (both paid and unpaid e.g volunteers) within school hours whilst students are onsite **must be vaccinated** against covid-19. This also applies to any adults who are volunteering as parent helpers or coaches on any school trips, activities or sports events **regardless of wether or not they take place onsite or offsite**.

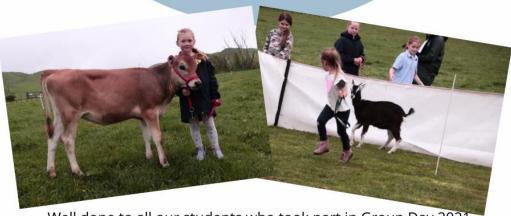
As a small school, the impact that this can have on us will be significant. Small schools often have a small pool of parent and whānau helpers to draw from and vaccination stands to lessen those numbers and therefore impact on our ability to provide the opportunities mentioned above for our kids.

The rules also now indicate a clear difference between 'volunteers/helpers' and visitors. Visitors are allowed onsite and **do not** have to be vaccinated but MUST REPORT TO THE OFFICE FIRST. This means a visitor can drop off items e.g togs to the office, can speak to the office person or principal and is able to pick-up and drop-off their child without being vaccinated.

All New Zealand schools are now required to keep a vaccination register, if you are willing to provide us with evidence that you are vaccinated it will help our teachers when organising trips or other activities. Your vaccination information is kept strictly confidential.

Ngā mihi nui, Matua Josh

# **GROUP DAY 2021**



Well done to all our students who took part in Group Day 2021. A big thank you to Miss Sally and Josh Macdonald who put the event together and gave our kids the opportunity to take part



#### STAFF FAREWELLS

Nukuhou North School acknowledges the contribution of two school staff who are leaving our school.

Matua Niwha Irwin has been the class teacher in Room 2 this year and today was his last day at Nukuhou North School. Matua Niwha we thank you for your efforts and wish you and your whānau all the best.

We are very lucky to have Whaea Lynne Hickling returning to teach Room 2 for the remainder of the year

We also wish our dear friend Miss Sally all the best moving forward. Sally has held a number of roles here at our school over the last three years and she will definitely be missed. Sally's last day with us is Monday 15th November. A big thank you to both of you.