



FLAXMERE COLLEGE

Te Kāreti o Paharakeke

17 August 2020

Kia ora koutou whānau

On Friday, the Prime Minister announced that all regions outside Auckland will remain at Alert Level 2 until Wednesday 26 August, 2020. This means it is "business as usual" for Flaxmere College – with strict hygiene guidelines.

The priority for all staff is to support all students to ensure they achieve. To do this, we ask for help from all whānau to ensure students are at school everyday—unless they are unwell. Reports are currently being written and will be emailed out to whānau. The reports will show students and whānau their current progress and the students' next steps for success.

I strongly urge all whānau to make an appointment to attend our Whānau Learning Conferences on Thursday 27th August from 8.30am to 4.50pm. You can book your hui with your child mentor on <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz> ; go to Make a Booking and enter code **cznuu**. Mentors will contact you this week to encourage and help you to arrange a time.

School sport and cultural practices will continue this week. The school will notify students and whānau if competition games have been cancelled – please check our facebook page.

Please note that **Monday 24 August** is mid-term break, so there is no school on this day.

I look forward to seeing you at the Whānau Learning Conferences on Thursday 27th August.

Ngā mihi, Jim Hay-Mackenzie, Acting Principal

GIVING BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY: On two occasions, our senior catering students have chosen to plan, prepare and deliver meals to those in our community who, we felt, deserved to be treated! In Term 2 students chose those who kept our community humming and safe during the recent rahui—so staff at Flaxmere New World, Pharmacy and Police Station were treated to delicious Asian Pork rolls wrapped in cabbage with sesame sauce, followed by apple sponge with lemon and whipped cream - yum! Most recently, students selected the volunteers at Nourished for Nil and again planned, produced and delivered a beautiful meal of roast pork and sponge pudding. We have had lots of calls and emails from workers who loved their lunchtime treat which makes all the hard work and dishes worthwhile!



CELEBRATING COOK ISLAND WEEK: The college spent a wonderful week celebrating everything Cook Island! The culture, the language, the traditions and of course, the food! Beef Chop Suey, Potato Mayonnaise, Cook Island donut, Poke and Ika mata (raw fish) – and lots of hungry and appreciative students and staff! A massive thank you to all those involved in preparing and serving today's lunch. Thank you to Takitimu Seafoods for the donation of the fish for the ika mata.



FREE LUNCH!

SCHOOL-LED FREE LUNCHES: We are excited to announce that our school-led free lunches for all students will continue for the rest of this term on a **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday**. The canteen will be open on the free lunch day, but just for basic food items. Whānau are asked not to bring or send in unhealthy lunch alternatives. A very big thanks to the Wharariki Trust for supporting this initiative.

PRE WORK FOR RE-DEVELOPMENT BEGINS: Many schools are peaceful and quiet during the holiday break - not so at Flaxmere College during the recent holiday break as we see the exciting preparation for our school re-development. Rooms 17, 18 and 19 - along with the old doctors clinic/PTA room are gone! We will have more information and images of our proposed new school build to share with you soon - watch this space!



WELCOME TO OUR WHĀNAU! We have welcomed TWO previous students onto our staff team in recent months.

Ruth Kautai (School Led Lunch Co-Ordinator/Learning Coach): I've lived in Flaxmere nearly all my life, as a student of both Flaxmere Intermediate and Flaxmere College. I have 5 children, 2 that attend Flaxmere College this year. I enjoy the simple things in life - being with and visiting family in New Zealand. It has been awesome working for the school, being able to give back to my community and the future of Flaxmere College.



Bohdeen Faioso (Library Co-Ordinator): I'm full Cook Island, born and raised in Flaxmere for most of my life but I now reside in Frimley with my family. I attended Flaxmere College from 2000 – 2005. I thoroughly enjoyed my time here over the years and have some very fond memories. I enjoy spending time with my family and friends. I'm really excited to be working in the education environment. It's a new journey that I'm wanting to grow and learn in. I hope to be able to contribute to the positive changes here by creating a safe, uplifting and motivating space in the library. I feel very grateful to be apart of the College whanau again but on the other side of the desk! Being able to give back to the school and community that taught and shaped me in to the person I am today – I feel blessed!



Students involved in our Police and Academy programme had a visit from the NZDF recruiter, Staff Sergeant Davey Forbes with the main topics being the lifestyle, culture, adventures and all the cool stuff that people don't know about being a Sailor, Soldier or Airman. Tagging along with him was Jason Hartley Intelligence Operator with the NZ Army and previous Flaxmere College student, **Major Teira Cowan**. They both shared their experiences of Training, Operational deployments and general life in the NZ Army. Major Cowen is currently the Officer Commanding of The Army Depot, the unit directly responsible for training the new recruits in the NZ Army. It was fantastic to have a past student return to the kura and share their experiences and passion with our current students.



CHESS WARRIORS: A fab day at the Interschool Chess Competition! Fantastic representation by our students. Special mention to Tawhio Wehipeihana who won all 4/4 of his games! Wiremu Otene for stepping in and making a difference. Kahu Sorenson for being the dark horse and winning 2 impressive games and Jack Wairau and Kamau Price for their manaakitanga of our juniors. A big thank you to Whaea Tracey Reid for supporting our students.

It is great to be receiving application forms from students wishing to join our kura in 2021! Haere mai! Enrolment packs are available from all of our local Primary schools or the College office. If you would like a pack delivered to you - please contact us and we will arrange this. Enrolment interviews will be held in Term 3.



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All students are welcome to pop into the canteen dining room on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning from 8.30am to enjoy a free breakfast and good company! A big thanks to the Kickstart Breakfast programme for their support.

