

## UPCOMING EVENTS TO NOTE:

- Term 3 starts Monday 25th July
- Thursday 3pm Online meeting to discuss playground design ideas (Welcome to attend at school or from home)
- Teacher Only Day Structured Literacy with Liz Kane Friday 2nd September. (No school for students)



Is coming up!!! We will be taking entries next term. A limited number of chickens will be available for those students unable to have a calf, lamb or pig.

## Monday 25th July, 2022

Welcome to Term Three, I hope that you were able to spend some time with your whanau over the holiday break.

Covid continues to be in our community with myself and two other staff members unwell over the holidays and now into the start of the term. We have tried very hard to avoid moving to online learning but if we have continued staff absence and no suitable relief then we will need to. Schools around the motu are finding it very difficult at the moment, and with the increasing number of flu cases in the community we would ask again that if your children are unwell, please keep them at home until they have recovered.

All students (Year 4 upwards), staff and visitors to Upper Atiamuri School will be wearing masks for at least the first four weeks of the term.

Anyone driving past school would have seen that the tree work in the carpark and around on the grounds has now been completed. Our entranceway certainly looks different now. There is a great opportunity to redesign and try to make the car park area a little more practical - although a large magical money pot may be needed! My sincere thanks to Maurice who helped coordinate the excellent team from Treestyle in Tokoroa - there will be firewood available for a donation to the school if anyone is interested.

This Thursday at 3pm we have a design meeting online with Tim from Compass Playgrounds. If you would like to be involved in any way with the design of the new playground area between Pod 1 and 2 you are warmly invited to join the Zoom meeting to discuss ideas with Tom. It would be fantastic to have a couple of parents onboard so please let me know if you are keen and I will send you the link (it is also on the Parents calendar)

Today the students' Learning Journals will be shared with you all via Seesaw. These journals provide information about your child's learning so far this year. They are a mix of teacher observation and comment and evidence collected by students. We hope that they give a clear and useful picture of what your child can do, and what they are learning next. We are very aware that between Covid and calving that this is a busy time of the year, however all staff are very happy to make time to meet over this week and next to discuss any queries you may have. Please contact them in the first instance to arrange a meeting.

Have a great week

Judith

Judith Smallbone Principal



## **Get on board!**

Nominate yourself or someone you know to be a school board member





