

14 January, 2022

Good morning to our NPACS families. I hope you are enjoying your holidays. The start of the new school year is approaching quite quickly now and we will be getting ready for the start of the school term on Tuesday the 1st of February. I am pleased to announce that Mrs Merryn Hooper will be teaching in the senior class. Merryn is very excited to be joining our team. She is an experienced teacher and will be a valuable asset to our school.

As many of you are aware, the government is making the Pfizer vaccine available as an option for five to 11-year-olds from the 17th of January. Some of you will have some concerns about this. We encourage whānau to discuss this vaccination with their GPs so that everyone understands the decisions they are making.

Please remember, that this vaccination for children is optional. Please also remember that per the Ministry of Health, children under 12 years old can only be vaccinated with their parent or caregiver present and with that parent or caregiver's consent.

We seek to provide an environment that is safe and where there is no discrimination or prejudice of any sort. We are in the business of educating our tamariki. Therefore as Acting Principal of our school I have recommended to the BOT that we should not be using our school as a vaccination site.

As permission from the Board of Trustees is required to have a vaccination clinic at any school, the NPACS Board of Trustees has been approached by the DHB this year to see if our school would like to host a covid vaccination clinic. The board has unanimously decided, for many reasons, that our school will NOT host any covid vaccination clinics.

The Board of Trustees (BOT) will be meeting next week to further discuss what our school will look like operating under the orange traffic light level. Remember that up until now our school has been under level 2. We will be putting out more information on this after the BOT have had a chance to discuss this further. Many of us are still on holiday which is why this will not happen until next week.

I will be available from the 19th onwards for any queries. Please contact me by email or text on the school cell phone number and I will get back to you.

There was a mistake in our 2022 Calendar. I had put the new Matariki holiday as Monday the 24th of July but it is Friday 24 July.

I hope you have a great rest of the holidays.

Judy Phillips

NPACS 2022 Year Calendar		
Dates	Event	Details
Tuesday 1 February	Term 1 - School begins	Whole school
Monday 7 February	Waitangi Day	No school
Friday 18th February - 25 March	Swimming begins	Whole school-each Friday
21,22 Feb	Cycle Skills	Senior school
23 Feb	Scooter Skills	Junior and Mids Room
Monday 14 March	Taranaki Anniversary	No school

7- 8 April	Life Education	Whole school
Thursday 14 April	Term 1 - Last day	Whole school
Friday 15 - 19 April	Easter Holiday	All NZ
Monday 2 May	Term 2 - School begins	Whole school
Monday, 6 June	Queens Birthday weekend	No school
* Friday 24 June (note change of day)	Matariki Day- New Public Holiday	No school
Friday 8 July	Term 2 - Last day	Whole school
Monday 25 July	Term 3 - School begins	Whole school
Monday 29 August	Teacher only day	No school
Friday 30 September	Term 3 - Last day	Whole school
Monday 17 October	Term 4 - School begins	Whole school
Monday 24 October	Labour Weekend	No school
Monday 21 November	Teachers Only Day	No School
Wednesday 14 December	Prize Giving	Whole School
Thursday 15 December	Term 4 - Last day of Year	Whole school