



16 October 2021

Hello everyone and what a beautiful morning!

Term 4 starts on Monday...!!!

Next week will start with a focus on re-engaging, motivating and re-establishing learning. All classroom teachers to be taking a roll in morning meetings and following up on any students not in attendance. We need to reset expectations and this starts with knowing our students are OK, able to connect and supported.

As at the start of any other term, please re-establish home based routines, including going to bed and waking up at sensible times. Even though we will be continuing with remote learning it is still essential that we have some structures and disciplines.

At this stage we are still waiting on a formal Public Health Order to be issued around vaccinations for staff. In the meantime, any staff who will be at school will be vaccinated and will have returned a recent negative COVID-19 test. We are also collecting vaccination information for any students who may have been vaccinated and are adding this to their records as we do any other such information. Please email admin@ni.school.nz. Please let me know directly if you have any concerns around vaccination.

Our bubble timetable for students who need to be at school is sorted and at this stage we have no more than 7 students on a day physically attending school next week. Thank you to parents who have responded to this and have given us plenty of time to ensure we can facilitate this safely.

If you haven't heard from your child's teacher or team leader around the start of Term 4 please let me know directly. Our executive team and team leaders have been working this week to make preparations for learning and we want everyone to have opportunities to connect, learn and be supported.

We have a counsellor, youth worker and learning support assistants available should you require extra support – let me know and I can connect you. There will be anxious students, siblings and parents – it's totally OK to ask for help or advice.

Don't forget it's 'Super Saturday' should you or anyone you know still need to be vaccinated. There's information on our Facebook page and on the COVID-19 website:

<https://covid19.govt.nz/covid-19-vaccines/how-to-get-a-covid-19-vaccination/super-saturday/>

It's been 2 months that we've been in lockdown so we will be doing our best to inspire, motivate and support our learners, their families and our colleagues. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns at all.

Take care and best regards

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