STANHOPE
TE KURA O MAUNGAREI
Friends, Learners, Guardians
Whakahoahoa, Akonga, Kaitiaki

Tuesday 22 November 2022

Dear Parents and Caregivers

As some of you may be aware, the Ministry of Education has spent the last couple of years looking at a Curriculum refresh. The last time this happened was in 2007, so it is indeed the time to do so. Some of these changes have a direct impact on the Teaching and Learning at Stanhope Road, while others are in development over the next few years.

One key change is how the Progressions are benchmarked. These relate to the Learning Areas that are taught to the students every day:-

- Schooling up to Year 3 is known as the Foundation Stage: **Te tupu pāhautea i te taiao ako whakahihiko | Thriving in environments rich in literacy and numeracy.**
- The next area of Te Mātaioho (New Zealand Curriculum) is for students up to Year 6: **Te kaingākaunui me te hiamo ki te ako | Expanding horizons of knowledge and collaboration.** Year 4-6 are now 'banded' under the Learning Progressions within this Curriculum Framework.
- Students in Year 7 and 8 will remain within their own Framework: **Te mōhio ki tōku tūrangawaewae me te kōkiri kaupapa | Knowing I belong and advocating for self and others.**

What this means for Stanhope Road

To align with the new Curriculum (Te Mātaiaho), the current teams (Whakatōtanga, Tupuranga, Puāwaitanga, and Hautūtanga) are changing in 2023. Tupuranga, currently Year 3 and 4, is splitting into the team below and above them.

- **Whakatōtanga: Year 0 - 3**
- **Puāwaitanga: Year 4 - 6**
- **Hautūtanga: Year 7 - 8**

This is so that we can ensure our students, and the school, are aligning with the new Curriculum.

Because of this change to the Curriculum, year levels classes will need to be relocated around the school. This is to create spaces that ensure the togetherness of these year levels. Moving these classes is no easy feat and has taken considerable time to ensure planning, preparation and execution is smooth. The movement of these classes will occur in Week 8. The largest components of the moves will occur on Monday 5 December and Thursday 8 December. This is to ensure the least amount of disruption to the students' learning. The students will remain in this room for the remainder of the 2022 year. There will still be times for students to interact with their 2023 teacher to support their transition.

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2023 Timetable

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8:45	School Begins
8:50 AM	Fitness
9:10 AM	Class Time
11:00 AM	Morning Tea
11:30 AM	Class Time
1:20 PM	Lunch Eating
1:30 PM	Lunch Play
2:10 PM	Class Time
3:00 PM	School Finishes

In 2023, Stanhope Road School will begin whole school fitness every morning before learning time. This is a way to continue growing our current Whānau system by doing fitness in Whānau groups. This will support the collectiveness and tuakana-teina (peer to peer) of the students across the whole school.

There will be four fitness stations from Monday to Thursday that each Whānau will rotate to each day. Each station will be broken into smaller activities for the students to participate in. This will include groups games, dancing, interval exercises and ball skills to name a few.

It is important that our students begin each day ready to learn and physical activity is a way to get the brain ready for this. So being at school on time at 8:45 will ensure your child is ready to start their day every morning.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at jesselee@stanhope.school.nz

Regards

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