

## **Welcome to the 2024 School Year!**

Kia ora koutou,

### **School Start Reminder and Invite**

School starts on Thursday 1st February at our usual time of 8:55am. On Thursday we will have a whakatau to welcome new students and a new staff member.

This will be hosted at 9:15am and we invite you to attend if you would like to. If you can connect with Kamo Primary for the whakatau, we look forward to seeing you.

### **Road Works on Three Mile Bush Road and Clark Road**

As you are no doubt aware, work is well underway to make Three Mile Bush Road and Clark Road safer places to commute and use as pedestrians. I would like to stress that these upgrades and changes had nothing to do with the school. We were informed by the Whangarei District Council that this was happening and public were made aware for any input.

As you know, the Whangarei District Council made changes to Kamo Road last year (and are presently still working by Kamo High School) and have now moved to our location this year. We have been told that the intention of these roading changes is to bring some transport and pedestrian calmness to the area of Kamo. While it is an inconvenience with works happening right outside our school, we have to know that the intent from the Council has always been safety.

To those of you who have somehow developed the impression that I, as principal of Kamo Primary School have organised all this, I have to correct you on that and let you know it is all part of the Whangarei District Council's plans. Goodness, if only I had the power and status to make such decisions!

In our panui/newsletter on 13th December 2023 - Week 10 of Term 4, we posted a note to the community from the Whangarei District Council and I will repost it again today...

### ***Construction Works Notification Clark Road and Three Mile Bush Road***

*Kia Ora students and caregivers*

*This letter is to inform you about the safety improvements that will be taking place in your neighbourhood between January and May 2024. These traffic calming works have received 100% government funding through the Transport Choices programme which is designed to create walkable neighbourhoods and support safe, green, and healthy school travel.*

*Starting from Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> of January, we will begin works on Three Mile Bush Road to complete the zebra crossing outside Kamo Primary School (weather permitting) by the end of the summer school holidays. The second zebra crossing on Clark Road is scheduled for completion during the April school holidays to mitigate*

*disruptions to school traffic. The remaining works will be completed between January and May.*

***What we are doing***

- Installing 5 new raised platforms*
- Upgrading the existing zebra crossings to be on raised platforms*
- Improving some areas of footpath*
- Improving drainage, lighting and signage*
- Upgrading school patrol signs*

*During the construction period, brief detours will be in place for minor closures. There will also be several areas where parking will be restricted to allow two-way traffic flow. Clear signage will be posted to indicate these restrictions, and traffic control personnel will be on-site during work hours (7am – 6pm, Monday to Saturday).*

*We understand that these disruptions may cause some inconvenience, and we apologise in advance for this. Our contractors will work to minimise noise, the impact on your daily routines and ensure that residents and emergency services always have access. Your safety is important to us, so please take care when out walking in the area and keep away from the worksite where possible.*

*We will continue to update our website and social media channels to keep you informed on progress, and any changes to the schedule.*

*Check out the Councils project page for more details and subscribe to receive updates:*

[www.wdc.govt.nz/Council/Projects/Clark-Rd-road-improvements](http://www.wdc.govt.nz/Council/Projects/Clark-Rd-road-improvements)

*Thank you for your understanding and cooperation during this necessary work.*

*Whangarei District Council.*

*So please, if you have any queries or concerns regarding the road works happening outside our school, the Council are the people to contact.*

*We are looking forward to a great 2024 and seeing your children return to school in the very near future.*

*Sally Wilson  
Principal*