



UPPER HUTT SCHOOL

Kia tupu ai ēnei kākano hei rakau nui
May these tender seedlings grow into mighty trees

December: **KEY INFORMATION ABOUT 2021 CLASSES, SCHOOL DONATIONS & DATES**

2021 CLASSES

Over the last term we have spent hours looking carefully at the placement of every child into their new class for 2021. Discussions with teachers and your child have helped us make these important class lists. On Tuesday 8th December we will be sending home your child's class placement for 2021. The children will also be meeting their new teacher (and all their classmates).

We are very pleased to welcome one new teacher next year: Mr Dave McNabb. Dave is an experienced teacher and we are thrilled to have him joining the UHS Team.

Here is the list of teachers, classrooms and levels for 2021. This year we have two Teams - Junior and Senior. Next year we are going to have three Teams/ Hubs. This is because of kura is growing

Kākano Hub (seedling)	Classroom	Year Level
Janelle Heemi	Rūma Tahī (1)	Year 1
Anna Catterick	Rūma Toru (3)	Year 1/2
Debbie Burnside (Hub Leader)	Rūma Whā (4)	Year 1/2
Kelly Amberger	Rūma Rima (5)	Year 1
Glenis Weaver	Rūma Ono (6)	Year 2
Māhuri Hub (sapling)	Classroom	Year Level
Kathy Hankins	Rūma Whitu (7)	Year 2/3
Phillip Barnett	Rūma Waru (8)	Year 2/3
Mark Bier	Rūma Iwa (9)	Year 3
Kate Retter	Rūma Tekau (10)	Year 3/4
Kirsten Foley (Hub Leader)	Ruma Tekau ma tahi (11)	Year 4
Rākau Hub (tree)	Classroom	Year Level
Carol Algar	Rūma Tekau ma rua (12)	Year 4/5
Dave McNabb	Rūma Tekau ma toru (13)	Year 4/5
Shanice Tredrea	Rūma Tekau ma wha (14)	Year 5/6
Vanessa Packer	Rūma Tekau ma rima (15)	Year 5/6
Adam Williamson	Rūma Tekau ma ono (16)	Year 5/6
Learning Support	Learning Space	
Charlotte Hulme-Moir & Naylene Cobb	Ruma Rua (2)	Learning Support Specialists
Jackie Lindsay & Jan Ashworth	Ruma Te tautoko i te ako	Learning Support Specialist & Reading Recovery
Leadership		
Jo Grant - Principal , Claire Martin & Lee Ewington - Deputy Principals , Debbie Burnside, Kirsten Foley and Lee Ewington- Hub Leaders Jackie Lindsay, Jan Ashworth, Charlotte Hulme-Moir & Naylene Cobb - Learning Support Leaders		

More information on the back of this page :)

SCHOOL DONATIONS IN 2021

The Board of Trustees have again opted into the Ministry of Education Donation Scheme for 2021. This means you will not be asked for any school donations next year. The money the school gets from the Ministry will be used for children's learning, learning resources and learning trips/ events (including swimming). Parents will be asked to contribute to overnight camps. Parents will still be required to purchase stationery for their children. We hope this eases some of the financial pressure for parents, especially at the start of the year.

STATIONERY LISTS FOR 2021

On Tuesday your child will be sent home with their stationery list for next year. These lists will also be put up on the school website (because we know paper copies have a way of disappearing). Please contact the office if you have any questions about the stationery lists.

INITIAL DATES FOR 2021

- Thursday 4th February - first school day of 2021 :)
- Friday 5th February - Powhiri for new whānau and staff at 9:30
- Saturday 6th February - Waitangi Day celebrations at Orongomai (Senior Kapa Haka performing)
- Monday 8th February - Waitangi Day Public holiday - School Closed
- Friday 2nd April - Easter - Good Friday - school closed
- Monday 5th April - Easter Monday - school closed
- Friday 16th April - last day of Term One
- 19th - 30th April - School Holidays
- Monday 3rd May - first day of Term Two

As always, if you have any questions or feedback, please contact the school.

The staff of Upper Hutt School wish to thank you for your Whakawhanaungatanga/ Partnership in a year like no other! 2020 brought challenges for us to all work through and we can't thank you enough for your support and patience as we worked out new ways of working, learning and communicating. It was a year that presented new opportunities and new learning, all of which we will be taking into next year and beyond!

We wish all our leaving Year 6's the best for Intermediate and thank the families who are leaving us too. UHS will always be your school :)

Lastly we wish you all a very Meri Kirihimete and a wonderful summer holiday for the children (we hope you have some time off too). We hope the holiday allows you time to do things you love, with people you love. Take care and stay safe.

We are already looking forward to 2021 with all of you.

Ngā mihi nui,
Jo Grant
Principal