



# UPPER HUTT SCHOOL

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

## DECEMBER 2021: KEY INFORMATION ABOUT 2022 CLASSES, DATES, STATIONERY AND A VISIT TO YOUR CHILD'S NEW CLASSROOM EARLY NEXT YEAR

### 2022 CLASSES

Over the last term we have spent hours looking carefully at the placement of every child into their new class for 2022. Discussions with teachers and your child have helped us make these important class lists. This Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December we will be sending home your child's class placement for 2022. The children will also be meeting their new teacher (and all their classmates).

Next week we farewell Carol Algar. Carol has won a Resource Teacher of Behaviour position in Lower Hutt. Carol has taught at Upper Hutt School for three years and has worked hard for our kura. Whilst we are sad to see Carol go we wish her all the very best for her new adventure!

We are very pleased to welcome two new teachers/ Hub Leaders next year:

**Ms Brigit Kerr:** Brigit is currently a Resource Teacher of Literacy based at our kura. This involves her working across all of the schools in Upper Hutt and Stokes Valley. Brigit is an experienced teacher and brings expertise in curriculum, teaching and learning, culturally responsive pedagogy and student achievement.

**Mrs Lauren Lee:** Lauren is an experienced teacher from Dyer Street school. Lauren greatly impressed the interview panel with her passion for teaching, her focus on every child making progress, her organisation and her care for children.

We are thrilled to have them both joining the UHS Team next year.

Here is the list of teachers, classrooms and levels for 2022.

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

More information on the back of this page :)

## **STATIONERY LISTS FOR 2022**

Your child's stationery list will be sent home next Tuesday with their school report. 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.

**END OF YEAR REPORTS:** In Year 1-3, you will receive a report for your child if they are due for their second report this year. You will have received 2 reports this year for children who have been at school longer than 1 year-1 Progress, 1 Anniversary. All Year 4-6 children will receive an end of year report. Reports will be available on the Spotlight app from Tuesday 14 December. There will also be a paper copy going home on Wednesday 15 December with your child's stationery list.

## **MEET YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER AND VISIT THEIR CLASSROOM prior to school starting :)**

On Tuesday 1st February 2022, all teachers will be opening their classrooms for you and your child to come and visit. This is an opportunity for you and your child to meet the teacher and also see your child's classroom for the new year. We believe it is important to connect with you early to establish our partnership for the year ahead! We also hope it might make the first day of school for children feel a little less nerve wracking for some of our children (and parents :) Classrooms will be open for a visit any time between 2:30 - 4:00pm. This is not compulsory, just if you would like to. Please follow all Covid guidelines and wear a mask, keep your distance from other children and adults and stay away if you are not well. Thank you:)

## **INITIAL DATES FOR 2022**

- Tuesday 1st February - open afternoon for all classes, 2:30 - 4pm
- Thursday 3rd February - first school day of 2022 :)
- Friday 4th February- Powhiri for new whānau and staff at 9:30am in The Upper Hutt School Hall
- Monday 7th February - Waitangi Day Public holiday observed - School Closed
- Thursday 14th April - Last day of school for Term 1.
- Friday 15th April - Easter - Good Friday - school closed
- 14th April - 1st May - School Holidays (Easter Monday Monday 18th April)
- Monday 2nd 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 2021. 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 and healthy.

We are already looking forward to 2022 and working in partnership with you to 'raise our tender seedlings into mighty rākau' (school whakatauki).

Ngā mihi nui,  
Jo Grant  
**Principal**