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Preparing students of today for the possibilities of tomorrow

14th August 2020

Week 4

Principal's message

COVID19 Level 2 Update August 2020

Unfortunately, once again we are in Level 2 lockdown. It is not known how long we will be in Level 2 but we will provide updates through the Newsletter, facebook page and website as information becomes available. As we move through the COVID19 lockdown levels here is some important information about what to expect at school and some of the procedures that we will be following during Level 2. Lessons will be as they usually are.

Children to bring

- Their own drink bottles as the water fountains will be closed off.
- Normal lunch and play lunch. The children will be sitting in their class groups for eating.

Entry to school

- Children are to enter the school through the front gate (not the office front door).
- Children are to enter their classrooms through the doors facing the courts.
- Parents please enter the school through the office and sign in. This to assist our tracking procedures by collecting information about who's here and when, so Public Health can contact people quickly if they need to.
- Children to be dropped off/picked up outside of the school site. Please get your children to walk into school by themselves and meet you at the gate at the end of the day - teachers will be on duty.
- If you are coming in early to pick up your children please inform the school well in advance, so we can have them ready and waiting for you.

Distancing

- Where possible, physical distancing will be maintained, however, this is challenging in schools.
- In schools, physical distancing means children, young people and staff maintaining enough distance so that they are not breathing on or touching each other.

Hygiene

- Maintaining good hygiene practices, and regular cleaning.
- Hand sanitizers are in all classrooms and at the front office.
- Washing hands will be done on a regular basis.
- Anti-bacterial spray will be used throughout the day on all high use areas.
- Regular cleaning of equipment.
- The rooms will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitised at the end of each day.

Feeling sick

- If you or your child/children are sick please keep them home
- If your child gets sick while at school we will ring you to come and collect them.

Buses

- The Waimangu and Lake bus will both be running as usual.
- We look forward to seeing all of the children at school each day.

If you have any questions please get in touch.

Reminders

Community Consultation Evening 26th August

There will be a community meeting night on the 26th August for all to attend. This evening is to put forward the ideas and thoughts about our school charter that I have been asking you about this year. I will also talk about our curriculum and get your thoughts on what a localised curriculum will look like. I will give more details as we get closer to the time.

Book Fair

We will be having a Book Fair on the week of 24-28th August (week 6). This will be in the library and open to all community members. Keep an eye out for further details as the time gets closer.

Calf and Pet Day

Notices are going home today for all those that will be having calves, lambs/goats or pets. If you are wanting to have a lamb we have organised with Onuku Maori Trust to kindly have a "Loan a Lamb" scheme. You will be able to "loan a lamb" for the next few months, train and care for it, and return it when Calf and Pet Day is over.

Lucky Book Club

Closing date for orders is the 12th September 2020.

Don't forget to book your team for Quiz night 2nd September!!!!

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Thu, 20th Aug	Gumboot Day
Mon, 24th Aug	Scholastic Book Fair
Wed, 26th Aug	Community Consultation night
Fri, 11th Sept	Scholastic Book Club orders closing
Wed, 16th Sept(TBC)	Reporoa Valley Cluster Winter Sports
Tue, 22 Sept	Peter Pan Production
Fri, 25 Sept	Kahui Ako Teacher Only Day
Sat, 17th Oct	Calf and Pet Day



Meanwhile at this week's assembly, our super star awards go to... drum roll please...

Rebecca Sterkenberg - for being a great Year 2 class role model
Caitlin McMillan - for being a great Year 2 class role model
Dakota Nicholls - Always offering to help with extra jobs around the classroom
Ethan Porter - Always showing respect for our class rules and expectations
Fletcher Armer - for taking on additional responsibilities in class and always trying to help others.
Josh Roberts - for his dedication to completing his work to a very high standard and being independently motivated
Sativa Watson - for always being a positive role model and helping others.
Max Fraser Harris - for always being a responsible student and persevering with his learning, even when it gets tricky.

The **Learning Centre** has been hard at work learning about Narrative Writing. Narrative Writing is writing that has a story, characters, conflict, and other essential parts of a story.

"Come on, come on! Get away from the bloody infected Jono!" Shouted the portly, round father of Jono, Matt Jones. His chubby sausage fingers were reaching for a strange looking bar of chocolate that has been affected by radiation." - Griffin Hine

"Ivan the terrible! The greatest of them all, or so he says. Let's give you the background first. Oh, Ivan... so caring gives the people he rules whatever they want, even the peasants. If only that was true, now a reality. Murderous and full of hate, you don't follow the rules, you pay the price! He despises everyone but one..." - Lily Bell



children who took part, you all did so well.

Production Practice

Students did incredibly well in auditioning for production, all students gave it their best go. We had such a hard time narrowing down the parts because of all the talent! We have now started reading through the script together.



Rerewhakaaitu Raiders



It's been a tough couple of weeks for the Raiders, with two consecutive losses. We've had a few gaps in our squad lately, and unfortunately with the complications of

Covid we are going to be running with even fewer players over the next few weeks. We are hopeful not to go beyond level 2 so we can finish our already shortened season, but time will tell.

On a more positive note, big congratulations to our most recent Player of the Day, Hollie Williams, and the week prior to Elijah Simpson-Hunter. Both players have shown a positive attitude and involvement in the game despite the challenging circumstances. Our Raiders have faced some exceptionally talented teams this season from strong city clubs. We have a very mixed squad in terms of both age and experience from our small country school, so it's been really important to play as a team and for our more seasoned players to offer support and leadership. So look after each other Raiders, play hard and most importantly have fun this weekend!



Please note that our game time has changed this Saturday from the original draw, to align with level 2 requirements. Raiders please meet on field 12C at 11.00 am for warm up and coach's briefing, kickoff will now be at 11.30 versus the Ngongotaha Orcas.

Otonga Leopards

Meanwhile, Taylor and Chase are having an absolute blast playing for the 8th

Grade Otonga Leopards. Last week they were victorious with a 5-0 scoreline versus an Eastlake team that had defeated them by the same score the week prior - a complete reversal of results! The Leopards don't like losing and went out united, determined and fierce and it paid off, a great testament to their resilience! We look forward to seeing what they can do this week.

Reporoa Rugby

The sunshine peaked through long enough for our game on Saturday. The entire team showed impressive sportsmanship against the younger Whaka Puarenga team. Jonty got POTD this week for being a role model to the younger players in showing what good sportsmanship looks like. The team had some fun on the field and practiced passing the ball for the first time during a game. Olivia had a great run down the sideline keeping the ball inside the line to score a great try. Ryan scored his first try of the season and was stopped short of a second one by some great defence. A great game to watch as it was jam packed full of fun and excitement. So proud of the team today! Great job!

After a couple of close losses in the first two weeks U 9s had their 1st win of the season. Built on solid defence and teamwork, passes stuck and space was found leading to some great team tries. Tom, Mana and Fletcher all played well in a resounding team performance.

Stevie O'brien

Kia ora whanau, for the next 4 weeks we have the opportunity to do some food rescue from Palmerston North for te ahi whakamaru and surrounding areas. The first trip was provided by the village admin alone, the recent trip was covered by village admin, fire brigade, koro Charlie Turanga and my family. We would love this opportunity to continue till the end but it does come at a cost for example truck hireage (unless you have a horse float truck I could use), fuel costs etc. For those that have been messaging and asking for an account here it is and your koha is greatly appreciated.

S.R.V O'Brien and T.P.N Carston

Food rescue

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Thank you



Horse Riding Lessons after school

At Sunset Farm on Republican rd.
 \$20 one child or \$30 for two
 Horse treks 1hr \$40 2hrs \$70
 Contact Stella Hansen on Facebook or phone 0275348850

Please note the correction of the phone number!

Keep safe, take care.

Rick :)