

PARKLAND PRIDE

The Newsletter of Parkland
School



Week 9 Term 2 June 11th 2020

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Kia ora koutou

ALERT LEVEL 1

75 days later and here we are back to earth and almost life as we remember in terms of no social distancing etc.

This is a tremendous achievement however in that time. We only need to look at a few other countries to realise how bad things could have become.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW.....



We have noticed a number of positive changes in children's well being over the past few weeks.

- Parkland children are far more **confident and resilient**. They can walk into school from the road or the Drop Off Zone on their own and be quite happy and settled.
- Parkland children are far more **independent**. They can walk into their classrooms carrying their own bags and get themselves ready for learning without any assistance.
- There is far less **separation anxiety** amongst children in the classrooms in the morning because they are confident with the daily routine and don't actually need parents to remain with them.
- Teachers and children are **enjoying having the time to interact** with each other directly between 8.30am and 8.50am.
- There is a far **smoother pick up routine** in the afternoons which means children are collected and the grounds are clear.
- There has been less congestion around the carpark and gate.

As a result, we intend to maintain some of the modified routines that have evolved during Levels 2 & 3.

MORNINGS - Monday to Thursday

- **No one** should arrive at school before 8.30am.
- Parents will use the **drop zone** and let children walk into their classroom under their own steam carrying their own bags OR **drop children in Parkland Cres** and let them walk in to school and go directly to their classrooms.
- Parents are encouraged **not to go to their child's class** between 8.30am and 8.50am between Monday and Thursday.
- There are **no longer any sign in requirements**.
- **Parents of New Entrants** can and should visit Room 10 with their child for the first week at least.

MORNINGS - Friday

- **No one** should arrive at school before 8.30am.
- **If parents wish to visit** the class to catch up with the teacher or to see their child's work you are welcome to do so.

AFTERNOONS

- Parents/ Caregivers **should not go to their child's class** or wait outside the classroom as this is often disruptive for class teachers and distracting for children.
- **Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8,10, 14** will be taken to either the quad area between the office and Room 4 (**NETBALL COURT**) OR the back entrance at 2.55pm. (Obviously the entrance will be determined by which one parents choose to collect children from.)
- **Rooms 5,6,11,12,13** will be taken to the **BASKETBALL COURT** behind Room 3 & 4 and will then use the Kindergarten driveway to leave school. Again, those children that are collected from the back entrance will be escorted in that direction.
- **Parents should feel free to congregate** and catch up with each other in either the **BASKETBALL COURT** OR the **NETBALL COURT** or the **FITNESS AREA** at the back and then leave with their child/ren at 2.55pm.

If you normally meet your children up the top of Parkland Cres or elsewhere in Parkland Cres, then continue to do that. There is no requirement to come into school at all if you do not wish to.

This information was distributed via the school App and a hard copy was sent home on Tuesday this week following the Level 1 announcement on Monday.



PARKLAND CROSS COUNTRY

Start training! We will hold a modified school Cross Country on FRIDAY JUNE 26th.

Training runs will begin on Monday so everyone will need to bring their soft shoes and running gear. We will not be able to train as long this year so we will shorten the cross country course to suit.

