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The Newsletter of Parkland
School



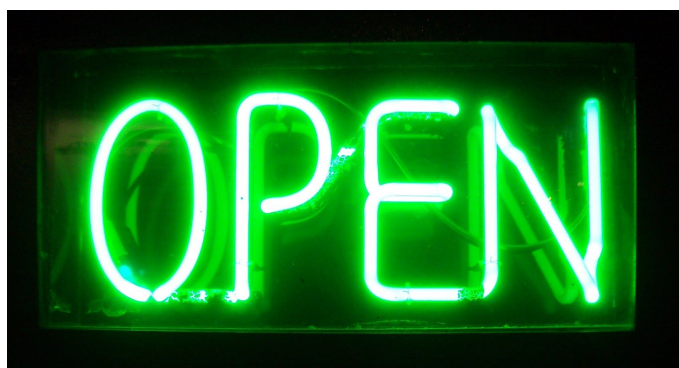
Week 5 Term 2 May 12th 2020

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Kia ora koutou



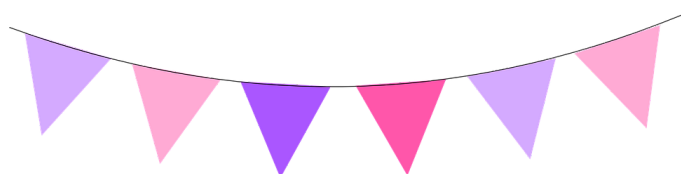
This Newsletter is early this week so that everyone is kept informed about the Level 2 changes.



SCHOOL WILL OPEN ON

MONDAY MAY 18th

for ALL children.



The only exceptions will be the 3-4 students we have who have legitimate medical grounds that make them vulnerable to illness. We will continue to provide work for these children until they return to school.

Parents are asked to drop their children at the front entrance between 8.30am - 8.45am and let them go straight to their classrooms.

Road Patrol will operate from 8.30am daily

Please do not drop them off earlier than 8.30am as there will be no staff available to supervise children before this time.

We do not want parents walking children to their classroom.

Anyone who needs to enter the grounds for a specific important purpose will need to physically sign in and sign out, as we are still required to maintain a Contact Tracing Register under Level 2.

Staff will be manning the front and rear entrances to ensure this happens.

Throughout this week teachers will be meeting to adjust the planning for the term and prepare classrooms for the return of students. They are very excited to be coming back to school.

We ask those families that have a school device at home to return these on the first day back please. They should be fully charged and ready for use.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW.....



AT ALERT LEVEL 2....

- Hygiene protocols will be strictly followed by all staff and children.
- *Your child will be required to wash their hands on a regular basis throughout the day, including every time they return to the classroom.*
- Playground equipment and the fields will be open for use, apart from the sandpit.
- Water Fountains will NOT be operating so children DO need to bring drink bottles.
- **Children should not be touching each other or be close enough to others that they are in each other's 'moist breath zone'!**
- We will not be holding team or school assemblies just yet.
- There will be no 'Smart Start' programme for the moment.
- *Students must leave the grounds straight away and can not stay to play with anyone.*
- Staff will escort classes to both exits.
- *In order to reduce the congestion after school we ask parents to collect children promptly.*
- Teams to be **released on time** at 5 minute intervals in the afternoon.
 - Junior Team 2.45pm
 - Middle Team 2.50pm
 - Senior Team 2.55pm

- Class Library times will operate as normal.
- *Class swaps as part of the normal teaching programme will resume.*
- If parents need to go to the office we ask that you work through the service window and not enter the office foyer itself.

(The internal office area is very small and keeping any reasonable distance would be difficult.)

- **Any child who is sick MUST be kept at home.**
- **Any child who appears unwell at school will be sent home.**
- We are assuming that After School Care vans will be operating next week. (Parents need to confirm this individually with each company.)



Can your child return to school on Thursday & Friday this week?

The answer is 'NO'

The reason is that we are currently operating under Level 3 and will remain like that for the rest of this week.

Under Level 3 we operate with two bubbles and teachers are rostered. All children currently at school have previously registered with the school so that we know what staff we need.

Apart from those teachers taking the two bubbles no other teachers are on site. All other staff are still working from home and delivering an online programme.

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If your child is medically vulnerable and you do not wish for them to return just yet, we understand and ask you to simply email the principal so that we can arrange for work to be continued.

This will only apply to 4-5 children out of 309 so everyone would be expected to attend from Monday onwards.

If you have extraordinary circumstances that might not be regarded as being medically vulnerable, please contact the principal so that we can discuss the situation and work out an acceptable transition back to school.



There is light at the end of the tunnel - finally!



Peter Barnett

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