



Thursday 7th May 2020

Newsletter

Covid-19 Level 3 Special Edition



KI NGA MATUA NGA MIHI KI A KOUTOU KATOA - Greetings to Everyone.

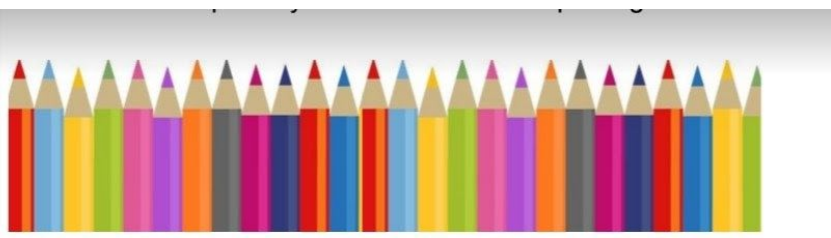
PRINCIPALS COMMENT

Dear Parents/Caregivers:

It is reassuring to hear how well our country has done at minimising the impacts of Covid-19. Alert Levels 4 and 3 have not been easy and I thank you for your ongoing support.

Yesterday the Prime Minister advised that in Alert Level 2 schools are safe environments for children and staff and that additional public health control measures are in place to prevent the spread of disease and to support contact tracing.

The great news is that when we are able to, we will be ready to welcome all students and staff to our school site. In her announcement yesterday, she stated schools will not open mid week, but at the start of the following week. If the Government make the decision to move into Alert Level 2 on Monday the 11th, the following timeline and expectations, based on information I received, would be expected:



Wednesday the 13th: The Country will move into Alert Level 2 at Midnight.

Thursday the 14th and Friday 15th:

- **School will not be open to all students, only those 10 children who have been attending during Alert Level 3.**
- Staff will be meeting and preparing the classrooms and programmes for the following week.

Monday 18th: School will start for all students.

Of course these dates and expectations are only predictions from information I have received today and are based on the Government making a decision to move to Alert Level 2 on Monday. If they decide to prolong Alert level 3, we would be starting the following week.

The key Public Health message is to minimise the risk that someone gets infected in the first place, and second to ensure we can identify and contact anyone who has been in close contact with a person, if someone in a school is infected.

As we have done in Alert Level 3, you can be assured that in Alert Level 2 we will know who is at school, who our staff and students have been in close contact with and take appropriate measures to keep everyone safe. Schools have been set many rules regarding Alert Level 2, especially around distancing and hygiene, which we are currently preparing. More information about these guidelines will be sent out to you next week.

It is with great sadness that the Board Of Trustees received the resignation of Kat MacDonald earlier this week. Kat has been successful in winning a permanent management position at Hinds school in Mid Canterbury. This move will also bring her closer to her family. Kat, Duke and Tuiti are very excited about this opportunity and we wish them all the best.

Kat will finish at Waikawa Bay school at the end of this Term. We are currently in the process of filling the vacant position for Terms 3 and 4.

Finally, I would again like to thank you all for the support you have shown the staff of the school, and the amazing work you have done with your children.

There is definitely light at the end of the tunnel now!

Stay safe and we look forward to seeing you all at school again soon.

Peter Knowles
Principal



STUDENT PROFILE



Nina

Age: 6

Family: Mum Andrea, Dad Jeremy and Sister Aria

Pets: A rabbit called Lulu and chickens Pearl, Cheeky, Dew and Little.

Interests: Jumping in leaves and Roblox

Fav subject: Art

Fav food: Eclairs

Fav Holiday: Wellington

Fav level three activity: Maths playground

Hero: My friend Aniya

When I am older I would like to be: A Baker

I like Waikawa Bay School because: I get to play with all my friends.

WAIKAWA WAY: STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

During the Covid 19 Lockdown, we have opened our awards up to more students to encourage pride in their work and encouragement to continue. We will return to normal awards i.e. one person for each category when school resumes. Our awards for the the past week are:

Students of the Week:



Mia Smith

For putting 100% effort into her online learning.



Maia Beech

For being a creative and enthusiastic learner.

Connie Herbert - for her awesome effort with engaging in her online learning tasks.

Cooper Poultney - for being super creative with his time at home.

Parker Godsiff - for having a go at everything and sharing his many adventures and yummy cooking! Ka pai!

Livvy Giles - Livvy has approached each task with enthusiasm. She has pushed herself with tasks that are challenging and her work has been beautifully presented. It has been great to see her take part in so many activities and she comes to our class meetings with a big smile on her face each week.

Whakamiharo Maths Award:

Ava Woledge - for outstanding success on her Maths Buddy activities and the regular time spent working on all the problems whether in maths area of Number or in working on Measurement and Geometry problems.

AND

Ollie Oxoby-Hall - He has been completing both the DMIC and NZ Maths problems set each day, and his mum and dad have been going above and beyond to help him complete the tasks. Great family effort!

Congratulations to all - great work!

CAN YOU HELP? WANTED FOR THE SCHOOL GARDEN:



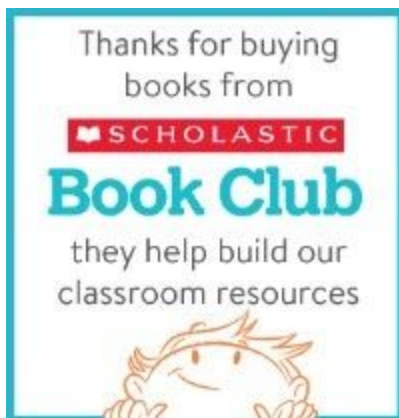
Thanks to the Picton Men's Shed - we are able exchange empty plant pots for plants. If you have any empty plant pots cluttering your shed or garage that you would like to donate, please bring them in when School re-opens.

Also for the School Garden, we would love any of the following:

- Winter Veg seedlings: Broccoli, Kale etc
- Elephant Garlic bulbs
- Pea Straw
- Native grasses or shrubs
- Cuttings or seeds



AND..... if you get My Food Bag or Bargain Box, the compostable wool packaging makes great mulch for the garden - if you have any spare we would be very grateful.

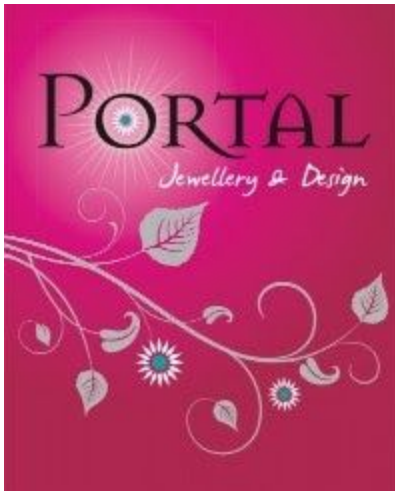


SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB orders have arrived and can be collected from the school office as soon as School officially fully re-opens. At this stage this is likely to be Monday 18th May. Thanks so much to everyone who ordered, we have raised just over \$200 towards classroom resources for our School.

This week, we asked students to share with us a favourite lockdown memory or word:



SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESS:



Portal Jewellery and Design and The Choice Gallery are trading in level 3 online through the Portal Facebook page offering a completely contactless service!

Check us out for Mother's Day ideas Dad's!

Thank you for your ongoing support and don't forget to spoil Mum this weekend!

The Portal and Choice teams

"Haircuts" at my home salon. 4 Huia St Waikawa..

Once they announce we are allowed to open again. Please contact Janene on 0211545183.

Kids \$10

Men \$15

Woman \$20



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COVID-19 HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR PICTON AND WAIKAWA RESIDENTS.

Welfare Support Marlborough

A service set up for people who need extra help or advice: call 03 520 7400 or email welfare@marlboroughcdem.co.nz

Picton Foodbank

If you are in need of assistance, please contact 022 010 5591.

Family Psychology COVID-19 Tip Sheets

Helpful tip sheets are available on the following subjects: Getting Informed; Help for Mental Health; Coping with COVID-19; Staying at Home Guide; A Guide for Parents. You can find the tip sheets at

<https://www.familypsychology.co.nz/resources>.

Shopping assistance

With the support of Te Ropuū a Manaaki a Iwi, Marlborough Civil Defence are providing food to people in the community who are unable to shop because of the emergency (mostly older people or people with chronic health conditions) and will continue to do so throughout this event. You can refer people to them by either emailing welfare@marlboroughcdem.co.nz or phone Council on 03 520 7400. And to those of you supporting others in need as well – thank you!

Dedicated COVID-19 Healthline (FREE) 0800 358 5453 (or your own GP first)

