

Monday 15th February, 2021

Term 1, Week 3

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Living Rural, Learning Locally, Thinking Global

To be the best we can be: Kind, Brave, Respectful and Honest



Well here we go again, back into Level 2 with Covid. Not sure what the week will bring, however remember to be kind and stay safe. On the bright side it's great to see the rain, our gardens and paddocks will be loving it.

Leaders:

This week if your child is interested in becoming a leader they will need to write a letter to Ms Leather stating why they would like to be a leader and what they can offer the school. The letters need to be in by this Friday.

Flying Start:

This Wednesday sees the return of Flying Start. If you have a child who is 4 years old and they are looking at attending Ngutunui School then they are more than welcome to pop along every Wednesday afternoon at 1.30pm to join in with the New Entrant programme. This is a chance for the children to meet with their teacher and work alongside their peers.

Hats:

Wide-brimmed hats are compulsory during Terms 1 and 4 at our school. All children must wear a hat when outside. You are welcome to bring a hat from home, we do sell them for \$10 at the office. **NO CAPS.** Sunscreen is also supplied here at school in the classrooms.

School Pool:

Over the holiday period we had Renee McConnon look after our pool, we really appreciate the time and effort that she put into keeping it clean and healthy. We still have pool keys available to all our school families, as we are half way through the season they are for sale now at the office for \$40.

Bus:

If your child is on the bus Lesley has asked if all children could be at their stop in the morning 5mins before she arrives. This helps the running of the bus route. If your child is not on the bus in the mornings can you please let Lesley know as soon as possible, however it has to be before 7.30am as she has no coverage while she is driving. Her cell phone number 021 203 7766. Her land line is 07 871 0634. If you know the night before that your child is away then you can call her in the evening.

Assembly:

We will begin our assemblies in Week 5 of this term, they will possibly be on a Monday, however I will let you know in the next few weeks.

Swimming Term One:

From this week we will be swimming every day. As part of the New Zealand Curriculum it is a part of our Physical Education plan. Can you please ensure that your child/ren bring their togs, towel and goggles (if required) every day. As a small country school we are so privileged to have a beautiful pool, we will be using it to its full potential over the summer period.

Children Absent:

If your child is absent from school due to illness, family or anything else please let the office know. We will try and get hold of you if she does not hear from you. It is all about keeping our tamariki safe. We appreciate your support with this.

Ngā mihi

Cleonie Whyte

Principal

Important Dates Term 1

Wed 17 th Feb	Flying Start Begins 1.30pm
Fri 19 th Feb	Lucky Book Orders Due
Wed 24 th Feb	Flying Start 1.30pm
Wed 3 rd March	School Lunches – Roast Lamb Sandwiches
	Flying Start 1.30pm
Wed 10 th March	Flying Start 1.30pm
Fri 12 th March	Whole School Swimming Display 1.45pm
Fri 19 th March	Lower Waipa Swimming
Wed 24 th March	School Lunches – Pies (Mince or Mince & Cheese)
Thurs 25 th March	Family Picnic 5pm
Fri 29 th March	Good Friday
Mon 5 th April	Easter Monday
Tues 6 th April	Easter Tuesday
Wed 7 th April	School Returns
Fri 16 th April	Last Day of Term 1
Mon 3 rd May	First Day of Term 2

Term Dates 2021

Term 1 – Wednesday 3rd Feb – Friday 16th April

Term 2 – Monday 3rd May – Friday 9th July

Term 3 – Monday 26th July – Friday 1st October

Term 4 – Monday 18th October – Wednesday 15th December



Pirongia Junior Rugby Club

Registration & Weigh In's
Pirongia Rugby Clubrooms

Monday 1st March 6 – 8pm, Wednesday 3rd March 6 – 8pm
Monday 8th March 6 – 8pm

6th to 13th Grades available

A **Copy** of Birth Certificate/ Age ID required for all players

Subs \$50 PP, must be paid on the night

EFT pos. available

Jason Harrison 027 839 2559

Paul Dale 0274 746 791

pirongiajuniorrugby@gmail.com

COVID – Level 2

Alert Level 2 - All of New Zealand excluding Auckland region

Alert Level 2 applies from midnight tonight for 72 hours.

1. Schools are open to everyone, and all children must attend.

At Alert Level 2 the disease is contained but there is still risk of community transmission. It is safe for children and staff to attend school and for school hostels to be operating as there will be appropriate measures in place, including for children and staff vulnerable to severe illness.

2. Learning will be onsite with distance learning offered in some circumstances.

Distance learning should be provided for those required to self-isolate, those individuals who health authorities have asked to stay away while waiting for a test result, or those choosing to remain at home because they are vulnerable to illness.

3. Schools are not classified as gatherings and a range of events and activities can go ahead.

For most day to day activities at schools, the rules for gatherings do not apply. [Under the COVID-19 Public Health Response Order](#), schools are exempted from physical distancing requirements when people are there to receive, provide, or support education services.

However as soon as your event or activity brings people onsite who are not there for education purposes, including students, parents and caregivers, then the rules for gatherings do apply. This would include performances such as school plays, cultural events and sporting activities.

4. Schools will close for cleaning and contact tracing if there is a confirmed case who was infectious when at school.

Your Director of Education will work closely with you and health authorities should this occur. Please contact your Ministry regional office if you hear of a confirmed case in your school community but haven't been advised about it by health officials.

5. Face coverings are not required at school or on any school transport.

This includes charter buses hired by the school to transport students and staff. Anyone who chooses to wear a face covering in any setting should be supported to do so.

6. Sick people must stay at home.

They should seek medical advice if they have COVID-like symptoms and get tested if advised to do so. If that person displays relevant symptoms of COVID-19, tests positive for COVID-19, or has been in close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19, they must self-isolate.

7. You must have a contact tracing system in place.

This includes displaying QR code posters at your entrances, your timetable, attendance register and visitor register.

8. Fundamental public health measures continue to apply at every alert level:

Physical distancing (not touching and not breathing on each other at Alert Level 2)

- Hand hygiene
- Cough and sneeze etiquette
- Regularly cleaning and disinfecting high touch surfaces.

9. Think and plan carefully before you go ahead with any activity that brings a large number of students together and/or spectators are involved.

Some events may need to be cancelled or postponed when we are at Alert Level 2. Inter-regional travel is possible but only where you are confident the appropriate measures will be in place at the host venue, including requirements for gatherings.



Pirongia Netball Club
JUNIOR TRIALS 2021

Check Pirongia Netball Club's Facebook page for online registration

Registration & Payment of Fees
 Thursday 11th March
 5:30pm to 7pm
 \$85 (yr 3 to 8)

Trial Times
 Year 3 & 4
 Monday Only
 5:30PM
 Year 5 & 6
 6:00PM
 Year 7 & 8
 6:30PM

Trial Dates
 Monday 15th
 Wednesday 17th
 March
 Pirongia Netball Courts

Ella Muckle
 021 160 5584
 pirongiaclubcaptain@gmail.com

[Pirongia Netball Club Junior Trials 2021](#)

Head onto Pirongia Netball Club's Facebook page for online registration or come to our registration and payment of fees night on Thursday 11th March between 5:30pm and 7pm at the Pirongia Netball Club (next to the courts and rugby grounds). We welcome all players from year 3 to year 8

[Girl Guides/Brownies/Pippins](#)

Are you up for fun, **friends** and **adventure**, then Girl Guiding could be for you?

We have units for girls aged between 5-17.

We have spaces available in some of our units but if you are interested then email Michelle on michellegirlguide@gmail.com to find out more.

A huge thank you to Caitlin Noblejas and Joshua Beattie for donating the seed trays for our Enviro group. Watch this space we are going to be growing our own seedlings and selling them.

