

Monday 18th May, 2020

Kia ora koutou

Well what a fantastic day, the sun is shining, Ngutu is sitting in the tree watching the children and the children are back at school. What a wonderful place to be. I didn't sleep much at all last night, worrying about how the children were going to cope with coming back to school, I didn't have to worry.

Children are so resilient, they were happy to see their friends and teachers. We are very lucky to have a small school where we can keep everyone as safe as possible. Today we had 29 children return out of our 40. Two more will be returning tomorrow and a few will be back next week. Today we welcomed Aurora Carter who turned 5 on May 7th during the lockdown. Mrs Bleasel will be very busy in the next coming weeks as we have a few more 5 year olds starting school.



Huge thank you:

I would like to take this time to thank you all for the wonderful support you have shown the school over the Lockdown period and into Alert 3 and now 2. We have valued all the feedback you have given us, through emails, texts, zooms, photos and phone calls etc. Also we think the way you have embraced home-schooling with your children has been superb considering that many of you are working from home as well. Thank you and well done! You can now take a well-earned break!

It has been a stressful time for everyone in so many different ways and a huge learning curve (also in many ways). Who would have known that 'zoom' would become a household word in a whole new way?

Drink Bottles:

During this time can we please make sure that you send a named drink bottle to school with your child. We are not using the drinking fountains yet, we will let you know when they will be back up and running.

Oxford Pie Fundraiser:

It is that time of year again where we are asking that you help support the school by purchasing pies for the winter period. Attached is the order form. Please can we have them back to school by Wednesday 10th June. They will be delivered to the school on Friday 19th June. You can either pay with cash or internet banking.. Home and School account: 03 1564 0042227 00. Remember to use your surname as a reference.



Yummy Fruit Sticker Fundraiser:

This year we are also asking for you to collect the stickers off the Yummy apples. The more we receive the more sports equipment that we can order for the school. Attached is the sticker form. If you want the form for the labels please contact the office and we will give you one. Many thanks again for the support with this.

Lunches:

Due to the short term we will get back into our lunch menu next week. I know a lot of you have already paid for the lunches last term. I have a list so we will have that sorted out for you. Again if you have offered support with the lunches and you are still keen please let me know and I can put you down to help. The lunches will be every Wednesday.

Week/Date	Lunches:
Week 7 Wednesday 27 th May	Cheese Burgers
Week 8 Wednesday 3 rd June	Chicken Fried Rice
Week 9 Wednesday 10 th June	Nachos
Week 10 Wednesday 17 th June	Pizza Buns
Week 11 Wednesday 24 th June	American Hotdogs
Week 12 Wednesday 1 st July	Mince or Mince and Cheese Pies

Please fill out the attached form at the bottom and we will let you know how much you will need to pay, if anything. We are going to ensure the families that paid up last term will have most of their lunches paid for. I hope this makes sense.

Breakfast Club:

We will also start breakfast club up next week on Monday. We will have porridge, weetbix and toast on offer for the children during winter.

Assemblies:

We will have our first assembly next Monday at 2.30pm. We will continue these at the same time each Monday until the end of term. We are still going to Kids for Kids on September 10th in Hamilton so we need to keep up our singing practise.

Our newsletters are now all on our website. So if you have missed any have a look at www.ngutunui.school.nz

Ngā mihi
Cleonie Whyte
Principal



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