

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

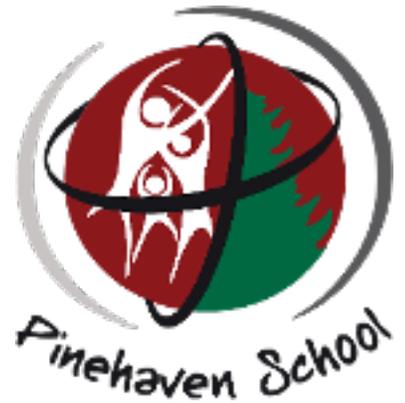
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## PRINCIPAL'S PEN - A NOTE FROM KAYLENE.....

Kia ora!

Well what a week we have had - I know that this is a very uncertain time for us all and that as parents, it is really challenging to keep life as normal as possible for children while we navigate a situation like no other we've seen in our lifetime. Please note our school site is closed for access, including the playground - do not go to the school site at all during the lockdown.

In terms of learning from home, please take the time to read the email I sent on Tuesday (if you haven't already). It has some key messages and also some tips for how to help your children with learning. Remember with the exception of a few of you, you are NOT a trained teacher - our training took time and is specialised. If you are a qualified teacher, you are probably not the best person to teach your child! We are NOT expecting you to imitate school at home, so please don't try to. Don't try to be a teacher - just be a parent! On the next page is a clear outline of our roles.

School was to close tomorrow for a teacher only day - we will be meeting (virtually) and planning, so please don't mention school work tomorrow - hug, have family time, relax and have fun!

Then it is the school holidays! That means 30 March - 14 April is just like the next few days - please don't attempt to plan school type activities. From 15 April, we will be providing at home learning programmes. We have our whole team working from home. On the next page of the newsletter, you can read what to expect. If you haven't joined our facebook group, please do by emailing us - we are sending lots of tips via that group!

Take care - Kaylene

## CYBER SAFETY TIP

Thanks to everyone who sent me feedback about the online/cybersafety information I sent out. One of our parents sent me information about the free app 'Family Link' to put on your phone and your child's devices..You can manage and approve their apps, monitor

their usage, control access, create a bedtime shut down, lock the device and remove apps. 'Bark' is another one that runs searches on content of text and social media messages for anything alarming. Thanks Marie for sharing!

### Key Dates:

30 March - 14 April: School holidays

15 April: Term 2 officially begins - home learning underway!

## NUDE FOOD

Thanks to those who have been sending recipes for wrap free lunchbox snacks through. Here's one from Rose-Anne. I'll continue to put them in the newsletter as the year progresses, so do send them to me.

### Sesame Lavosh Crackers

1 cup flour

1/3 cup wholemeal

2T each, black and white sesame seeds

1t dried oregano (optional, I don't put in)

1t salt

1/4 cup olive oil

1t sesame oil

1/2 cup water

Mix together into a greasy dough. Cut into 4, and roll each piece as thinly as possible (cracker-thick).

Line baking trays with baking paper.

Cut dough into shapes or fingers and lay on trays ... you will have to pick up the shapes carefully.

Brush shapes with olive oil and sprinkle with flakey salt.

Bake at 165 degrees celcius for 15-18 minutes. Store in air-tight tins.

## Learning from Home - What to expect after the holidays

- Each week, your child's teacher will email you a smorgasboard of work to do - there may be some 'must do' work, but most of it will be 'can do'. Our part time teachers are working in the background to help plan this work.
- Your child's teacher will want to talk to your child once a week for around 10 minutes. Our preference is via google hangouts but it could be via skype or phone. Today or tomorrow you will receive a form from me to complete about the best contact for this.
- If you need to talk to your child's teacher as a parent, you can email them to book a time to talk on the phone or via google hangouts.
- All staff will be contactable via email.
- Our role is to:
  - be the teacher
  - plan the learning
  - provide a range of activities across the curriculum
- Your role is to:
  - be the parent - cherish and strengthen this relationship
  - focus on your child's wellbeing
  - ensure they complete a range of activities
  - pick your battles!
- Please remember your child does not sit and have an adult looking over their shoulder all day at school and we very rarely ask them to work in silence - they shouldn't be experiencing that at home during this time.

Two things to keep you going during the holidays if children are bored

1. Join in on We're not scared - NZ Bear Hunt on Facebook. This might add some fun to family walks, but DON'T break any rules around meeting up with others.
2. NZ Geographic is doing a daily together at home post which is incredibly educational and we are enjoying it in our family.  
<https://www.nzgeo.com/together-at-home/?source=homepage>

## HAVING A CLEAN OUT

**Save the Date!!** Our Family Fun Day this year will take place on 31 October . This is our major bi-annual fundraiser. More information will come about how you can be involved. In the meantime, please hold onto any

books, clothes and saleable items for our hugely successful white elephant stall.