

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

Kia ora!

Today we heard some of the detail around what a move to Level 2 might look like. A decision about any move will be made on Monday. Information we received today suggests that schools will open as normal under Level 2 and we won't move to Level 2 unless it safe. I know many of you will be eager for your children to return to school and some of you may be anxious at the thought. Later today, I expect to receive more detailed information from the Ministry of Education in terms of what the Ministry of Health guidelines mean for schools.

What we know:

- after any decision to move to level 2, schools are likely to reopen the following week
- distancing will be put in place where possible in schools, however the PM indicated that this will be challenging and that's ok where hygiene practices are good, people are known to each other and systems for contact tracing are in place
- children who show any signs of being unwell need to be kept home and will be sent home if this happens during the school day
- hygiene is essential - hand washing, sneezing/coughing etiquette, and careful cleaning procedures

We have plenty of time to plan for a move to Level 2 as soon as any decision is announced. I will keep you posted with information as it comes to hand.

In the meantime, take care. The newsletter is 3 pages this week as we have some fabulous student work for you to enjoy. Maybe you could write your own lockdown acrostic poems as a family.

Kaylene

KEY DATES

11 May: Government announcement

This will provide us with more information about the timing of any changes in alert levels.

12 May: Movie Star Day!

Our onsite staff and students are having a day where we dress up as a movie star/character. It's good to have a bit of fun in your week, so join us if you want!

19 May: BOT Meeting

Venue and way in which this meeting will be held is to be confirmed.

Make sure you've joined our school facebook group where we are sharing lots of information! Email facebook@pinehaven.school.nz with your child's year, your email address linked to the your facebook account.

THANKS!

More good news for us thanks to parents using Office Max for stationery orders this year!

Office Max donate funds back to us based on how much money our parents spend on stationery between December 2019 and February 2020.

We have received a credit of \$625.98 which will be put towards curriculum stationery purchases here at school. This offsets some of our other expenditure and allows us to spend the money on additional items that we would not have been able to purchase without your help!! So THANKS!

Remember to hold onto saleable second hand goods for our Family Fun Day White Elephant stall later in the year!

Now is a great time to do a big clean out, but store those items for us if you possibly can!! The white elephant stall at our Family Fun Day is always a great source of profit, so we really appreciate your assistance with this.

DON'T "LEAN ON ME" written by Karla Billington

I've decided, thanks to Google, that the reason I'm so tired at the moment is because I'm suffering from decision fatigue. When should we have morning tea? What is for lunch? Is it a good time to go to the supermarket? What is for dinner? How can my daughter get through all her college work? Can this improper fraction become proper? What should I do with this empty container? Is there dessert?

One of my most popular sayings at the moment is, in a very calm controlled voice, "Please use your own brain, because mine is full!"

It has taken the absence of sport's coaches, music teachers, peer friendships and of course teachers to remind me that it does indeed take a village to raise a child. These external mentors are vital to our children becoming well rounded citizens. I can't keep singing Bill Withers's "Lean on Me" to my children because I can't meet all their needs all the time. And try as I may, I can not answer all their questions (thank you again Google and calculators!). I remember learning to play part of "The Entertainer" by Scott Joplin on the piano years ago. I need to share the piano seat now and have others entertain my children, by expanding their world beyond our family bubble.

With moving to Level 3 it can be a bit confusing for our kids to understand why life isn't returning to normal. Indeed, what is normal and what will the new normal look like? It's "Complicated" as Avril Lavigne sings.

This week I sat with my kids and had a good chat about what they want to continue with once we are able to reenter society. I had to smile when my daughter asked, "Can I please go to the supermarket with you? I want to see the red dots on the ground."

We wrote a pros and cons list of all the activities everyone was involved in pre-Covid and then talked through them checking do we really want/need this back in our lives?

I was pleased to hear how much my young bubble buddies had been missing their sports. As I willingly admit, I don't understand all the rules to soccer or rugby so I too need these fabulous coaches to help my children understand and play their favourite sports.

Top Tip this week

Before after school activities open up again, have a chat with your young bubble buddies about what activities they have been missing and how much they want to continue doing them. I know I'm not in a hurry to go back to playing Mum's taxi but I do know that my children need to be challenged, encouraged and supported by other's outside our family bubble.

One day we will stand and sing Handel's "Hallelujah" chorus once lockdown has lifted, but until then we must dig deep and "Keep Holding On" as Avril Lavigne sings. Until then, let's take this time to reflect on what we want our post-lockdown lives to look like.

Kia kaha Pinehaven whanau

KORIMAKO ACROSTIC LOCKDOWN POEMS

THESE POEMS HAVE BEEN WRITTEN BY KORIMAKO STUDENTS. WHAT WOULD YOUR LOCKDOWN ACROSTIC POEM SAY?

LOCKDOWN by Alex

Look out the window
Over the fence
Call to our neighbours
Kindness flows over the land
Down the hills
Over the road
Watch the sunset
Now all is perfect.

LOCKDOWN by Kayden

Lots of homework
On my Chromebook too much
Cannot see my friends
Kylo is annoying
Destruction sites are shut down
On TV too much
Wish I could get out of home
Nana can come out now

LOCKDOWN by Ruby

Life's on the line
Only go out on the odd occasion
Calm is the cure
Keep a two meter distance
Don't go out to a friend's house
Only go out if you really need to
Will you stay home to save lives?
Now remember to be safe, kia kaha

LOCKDOWN by Charlize

Living in boredom
Over takes my heart
Can we make fun?
King of the house we are
Don't go shopping
Own the home
Where you can go is
Nowhere but home.

LOCKDOWN by Sam

Level 4
Outrageous work
Crazy work
Kids at home
Definitely horrible
Ongoing boredom
Walks everyday
Never ending work

LOCKDOWN by Eli

Longtime
Overwhelmed
Cough in your elbow
Keep in your bubble
Do get some exercise
On the go
Walking scootering biking