

Principal Message

Welcome back to school!! This newsletter is a different version as Wendy is on sick leave after a knee replacement operation.

Well we have certainly been through a lot in the last couple of months. It has been different and new for all of us! Most coped really well whilst others found the restrictions suffocating! It seems like the other day that we went into lockdown and now we are at Alert Level 1 and things are nearly back to normal. Well normal for the children at school and on the farm but not normal for tourist operators and holiday makers who had planned to go to the tropics for a winter holiday!! We are lucky compared to the rest of the world and I suppose our relative remoteness as a country has helped. We now know how reliant our country is on visitors!

A big thanks to all the parents for your patience and understanding over the lockdown period and the move from levels 4 to 2. It has not all been plain sailing for all concerned but your efforts have made the difference!

The children and the teachers are pleased to be back at school and we have been following good hygiene practices. Cleaning surfaces and washing / sanitising hands each time we return to the classroom or leave the classroom. Most children don't need reminding as they have developed great habits! The social distancing recommendation in the classroom has been easy to work with but outside it is more difficult as children will be children!!

With a return to Level 1 we are looking forward to a return to Eastern Zone activities. The Cross country at Arohena was supposed to take place last week! Some will be pleased that they missed it and others disappointed! The Eastern Zone Schools are planning to get back into activities planned for the year and more details will follow. Organised sport will be able to make a return as well and more information re netball to follow.

New Zealand is the first country in the world to have crowds back at sporting events and this Saturday sees a return of Super Rugby Aotearoa. I have a feeling people will want to go and watch and we may see good numbers!

Quote of the week

"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose." – Dr. Seuss

Pupils of the week

Bonnie Turpin, Caitlin Cheer, Tane Turpin, Sadie Jacobsen, Zane Franklin, Blake Watkin, Marcus Tutty, Abby McCluskie, Poppy Holmes, Tristen Ramsey, Kodee Franklin, Summer Le Normand, Quintin Stockholmes, Jenna Chappell, Flynn Weaver, Bodie Jacobsen, Alex Hemmmingway.

Principal Award

Tristen Ramsey. *Working well in the class*

Ophelia Brawn. *Positive attitude to all areas of school life*

Luka Edger. *Positive attitude in all that she does.*

Regards

John McLean

