



## Newsletter – 9th June 2020

## Term 2, Week 9

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### Kia ora koutou - Dear Parents and Whanau,

As you are aware the [Prime Minister announced](#) the move to [Alert Level 1](#) as of midnight on Monday this week. This is a welcomed change and an indication of growing confidence around the control of COVID-19 in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Thank you to all parents and carers for your patience whilst we have been maintaining our contact tracing registers at Alert Level 2. We will **no longer contact trace parents at the school gates** although, as normal practice, any visitors to the school *other than parents dropping off or collecting their tamariki* should sign in at the school office.

The '[Golden Rules](#)' of Alert Level 1 apply to school:

- **If people are sick, they should stay home** (phone Healthline 0800 611 116 or their GP and get tested if they have cold or flu symptoms).
- Students will **continue to regularly wash and dry hands and sneeze or cough into elbows**.
- Soap, water and the ability to dry hands will be provided in bathrooms.
- Our cleaning staff will continue to regularly disinfect shared surfaces.
- We will support contact tracing efforts by displaying QR Code posters for the NZ COVID Tracer App, see [NZ COVID Tracer app](#), to support parents tracking their own visits to school.

At Alert Level 1 there are no restrictions on personal movement so all students and staff continue to be safe to go to school and all students must attend school. Physical distancing is not a requirement **but where possible or practicable** is encouraged, particularly when you are around people you don't know.

We will be phasing in a return to 'normality' with **morning Timatanga and both junior and senior assemblies resuming over the next couple of weeks**. We will also keep you informed around any additional activities for parents to attend and anticipate a full programme of events, including trips and sporting fixtures, in Term 3.

**Staggered end of day finishing times will continue until further notice.** The end of day parking congestion will continue to be an issue as the building work progresses, because of this Years 0-2 can be collected from 2:30pm onwards from the Te Akonga gate; Years 3&4 can be collected from 2:35pm onwards; Years 5&6 can be collected from 2:40pm onwards and Years 7&8 from 2:45pm.

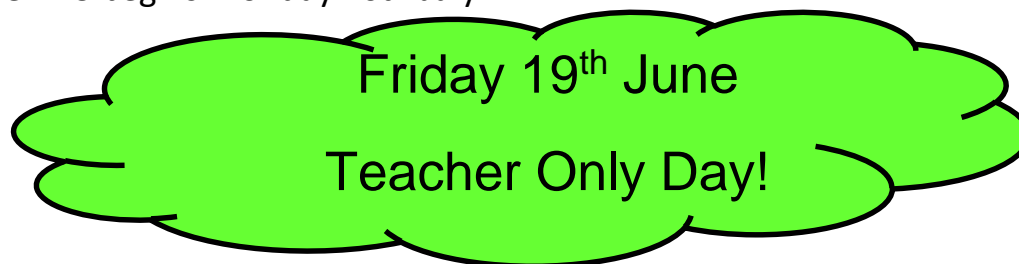
**Kea Crossing** - for your information we will be holding a training session organised by Constable Ian Anderson for our **Year 8 Crossing Patrol team and parent volunteers** this week. All being well, the crossing will be up and running next week. Thank you to parents in advance for supporting this initiative.

**Dr. Melinda Webber Wellbeing Survey** - Our school will be participating in a **strengths-based research project about how students learn, succeed and thrive at school**. This project is being conducted by Dr. Melinda Webber from the University of Auckland. A letter providing information and seeking your permission for your child/ren to participate will be sent out electronically and in hard copy form before the end of this week. Your participation in the survey will be greatly appreciated. **Once again**, thank you so much for your support, help and assistance with home learning programmes during the lockdown weeks and at present as we transition through Alert Levels. Ngā mihi,

Mark Ashcroft

### Dates for your diary:

- Bake sale Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June – morning tea and lunch – bring along your \$\$\$
- Teacher Only Day 19th June - please contact SKIDS 0211271115 if you need childcare cover.
- Transition to school meeting Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> at 5.00pm.
- Year 6 parents' evening re: transition to the Parua Bay intermediate programme - letter to follow.
- End of Term 2 Friday 3rd July.
- Term 3 begins Monday 20th July.



## Ministry of Education home learning journals

If you are no longer using your home learning pack kindly donate them to the school as we can put them to good use.

**Virtual Raffle** – tickets still available, these can be purchased through the office or with the classroom teacher. \$2.00 per ticket

## Board Report

The Board met twice over lockdown via Zoom. At the May meeting we covered:

- Covid 19 update.
- The building work to the pool changing room and caretaker's shed is to be brought forward in the build schedule.
- There are some funds available from MoE for property improvement projects. The Senior Leadership Team are consulting with staff, the board and community on worthy causes.
- Fundraising – need to look at how other Decile 9 schools address the funding gap. The board will review a fundraising example from another school to establish parameters for fundraising at PBS.
- The Board confirmed the financials for February and March and approved those payments; and reviewed the Reporting to the Board Policy and the Conflict of Interest Policy.
- The Curriculum review scheduled for this meeting was deferred due to Covid.