



WAIMATE CENTENNIAL SCHOOL



14h August 2020

Tena Koutou Katoa
Nga Mihi Mahana- (Warm greetings)

Notices were sent home recently outlining practices and procedures we quickly put in place at school after it was announced we had moved once again into Level 2. Thank you to everyone for being so co-operative in assisting us with changes at such short notice.

Of course we are currently in a state of limbo now, as we wait for official announcements to be made by our Prime minister today at 5.30pm on where we will be come Monday. Please be reassured contact will be made to families as soon as possible by using a variety of platforms, such as our school Facebook page, outlining any important information related to school, that families will need to be aware of.

We have listed below some Level 2 practices that will be in place if we should remain in Level 2. This list will be up-dated as required and we will keep you well informed.

Schools are safe to open to all children and they are required to be at school.

Exceptions: * Sick and/or displaying COVID - 19 symptoms. * Are in isolation * Are awaiting the result of a test.

"Bubbles" currently do not need to be in place.

Strict hygiene routine

hand sanitise on entry to and exit from the classes

wash hands with soap and dry hands before leaving toilets or before eating food

water fountains will not to be used (*The children are to bring a named bottle*)

no sharing of bottles or other touch items

doors, handles, surfaces and tap fittings for example, will be spray cleaned during the day.

Visitors, which includes all parents and caregivers, will need to sign in and out and complete a contact register found outside classrooms or the office area. If you enter the school grounds you must sign and complete the register.

We also have **QR codes (COVID TRACKER)** placed at various points around the school, including at our main gate, that we encourage you to use if possible.

For those students who have no difficulty with coming to school we ask that parents consider dropping and collecting them at the gate only.

We completely understand that some students are always more settled if parents come into the school to drop off and pick them up. If this is the case, parents can bring their child into school and see them settled and ready.

At this stage we will **not** be having staggered finishing times as we carried out previously under Level 2.

The children are to still arrive no earlier than 8:30 each morning and are to move directly to class. They may then enter the playground or court areas.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- School Photos - Wednesday, August 26th.
- Teacher Only Days - August 28th, 25th September and October 23rd
- South Canterbury Swimming Sports, Friday, September 11th
- End of term 3 - September 24th

TEACHER ONLY DAYS

We will be holding two Teacher Only Days this term. Our first will be held on **Friday, August 28th** and our other Teacher Only Day this term will be on in Term 3 on **Friday, September 25th**. The school will be closed on both days.

*Please note the last day of Term 3 will be **Thursday, September 24th**.*

MOUNTAINVIEW JAZZ BAND

We were extremely fortunate to have the Mountainview Jazz band visit and perform to the children this week. The children were treated to an extremely enjoyable show, being provided with opportunities to dance, clap along to the music and even chances to win the odd chocolate bar by answering questions related to the bands performance. A super performance by a group of extremely capable musicians.



LISTER HOME

Tania Swatridge, our Lister Home leader, and her Lister Home Senior School group have just started their fortnightly visits to Lister Home. A group of Year 5 and 6 children join Tania and head to Lister Home on Tuesday afternoons to work alongside a group of residents. This is always a super and rewarding experience for all the children who make up this group, providing them with the opportunity to interact with residents in a wide variety of games and activities. We have been carrying out this programme for a number of years now and it continues to be a highlight here at Waimate Centennial School.

PALs (Physical Activity Leaders)

The Physical Activity Leader (PAL) programme gives senior students responsibility and an opportunity to be seen in a leadership role. At the same time, the programme helps to encourage children's participation in sport and physical activity and contributes to regular physical activity.

Our Year 6 PALs (Physical Activity Leaders) are running organised lunchtime physical activities once again this term. Classrooms are provided with the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities/games on set days.

Year 5 children who are aiming at being our 2021 PALs are currently buddying up with Year 6 PALs to learn the tricks of the trade. Thank you to all our PALs who give up their time to run this programme.



GOLD BAND WINNERS

Kakapo - (Kate Gillespie, Aziah Lane, Eva Jordanovska, Aaliyah Tagiaia, Ellie Tagney, Brock Tupara-Burgess, Sophie Wilson-week1) Elsie Cooney-Hedditch, Flyn Mehrtens, Phynn Matthews -Sisson, Poppy Nichol, Addison MacFarlane, Ollie Smith, Emily Vengas Cabezas, Helena Zimmermann, Max Hill, Sophie Wilson

Kea - Sophie Hargreaves, Mythili Khangarot, Mackenzie Mehrtens, Georgia O'Sullivan, Eli Taupo, Connie Cousau, Rachael Hodder, Emma Ottley, Brooke, Proudfoot, Amy Wilson,, Lachie Patterson

Pukeko - Suri Apafi, Abbie Sew Hoy, Mason Gosney, James Fraser, Harry Luckman, Ricky Savage, Jake Taupo, Caleb Mills, Andrea Jordanovska, Tahlia Ainsworth, Nikita Sanders -Gu, Korbyn Oughton, Ryder Hall

Weka - Sivaya Green, Jackson Couper, Pat Huwes, Abbi Hutt, Olivia Carline, Kelly Carter, Milla Mckenzie and Emily Anderson.

Piwakawaka - Summer Hogg, Indi Mckenzie, Keira Mehrtens, Heidi Pathe, Megan Thomas, Abby Swatridge, Fergus Lane, Olivia Garland, Phoenix Taupo, Hernan Schaffer-Quintana, Scott Brown

Tui - Kaleece Tupara-Burgess, Legacy Garland, Aroha-Moana Taupo, Ceri Thomas, Sophia Davidson

SUBWAY

No Subway next week. Our next Subway day being Tuesday, August 25th.

Orders to classroom teachers on the Tuesday please.

FOOD WARMER

This will continue to be available during Term 3. Please ensure food items are wrapped appropriately (e.g. Tin Foil) and are named clearly with the classroom as well.

Please Return: I have received and read this newsletter () (tick)

Family name _____