

Tuesday 19 May 2020

Kia ora koutou,

School reopening - we are now in week 6 of a 12 week term

Yesterday, it was fantastic to see so much enthusiasm, bravery and positivity shown by our students and staff. We have been waiting patiently for the moment we could safely invite everyone back onto our school grounds and we are all happy to be back to our new normal. Our main focus for our students and staff is on well-being. I define well-being as being healthy and happy.

Transitioning back into school

Our teachers will be as flexible and responsive as possible to the needs that arise from our students. We will be focusing on building and restoring positive relationships with all learners. Teachers will also be changing their plans in order to focus on their students' well-being. Over time, our learners will be more open to learning after relationships, safety and routines are re-established.

Afterschool care

After our previous providers were unable to reopen, I have decided to start an afterschool care programme to support our families. This is a short term solution and I will manage 'Carterton Kids' for the next two weeks while exploring other options. **Carterton Kids is about keeping kids active, positive and motivated.**

If you were interested in setting up an after school care programme as a business, please come and talk to me. If things were to go ahead with a new provider, ideally, it would be run as a professional business.

Distance learning

We have a few students who are continuing to learn from home. We have not forgotten you and wish to support you the best we can. Please contact your teacher if you have any questions or concerns and we will help you out the best we can, bearing in mind that all of our teachers are working full time in the classroom.

Thank you to families who have returned their school-owned digital device. If you have had any issues with your device, please let your child's teacher know when you return it to school.

Students leaving the school grounds safely

Thank you everyone for showing patience at our school entrance before and after school. Yesterday, Tracy and I, coned off the area to the main entrance of the school between 2.50 p.m. and 3.10 p.m. We will continue to do this for the foreseeable future. This is to keep our students safe when they leave the school.

Thank you parents and visitors for signing in and out when entering the school grounds. I know this takes time but it is an essential part of our Level Two plan.

Ngā mihi

Matt Jackett
Principal



TERM DATES 2020

TERM	STARTING DATE	LAST DAY OF TERM
One	Monday 03 February	Friday 27 March
Two	Wednesday 15 April	Friday 03 July
Three	Monday 20 July	Friday 25 September
Four	Monday 12 October	Tuesday 15 December

IMPORTANT DATES TERM TWO, 2020

Week Six 18 – 22 May	Monday - Start back at school – Level Two.
Week Seven 25 – 29 May	
Week Eight 01 – 05 June	Monday – Queen’s birthday.
Week Nine 08 – 12 June	
Week Ten 15 – 19 June	
Week Eleven 22 – 26 June	Thursday – Reports go home.
Week Twelve 29 June – 03 July	Wednesday – Parent / teacher interviews 3.30 p.m. – 8.00 p.m. Thursday - Parent / teacher interviews 3.30 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.