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Kia ora te whanau

PRINCIPALS BLURB

I am sure you were as pleased as I was to hear the Prime Minister's announcement about moving to Alert Level 1. For us, there will be no major changes to what we are doing and our school continues to be safe to attend, including any staff and children who are considered more vulnerable to COVID. We have a good cleaning and sanitising routine in place, people who are sick are staying at home and we continue to encourage good hygiene practices. At Alert level 1 all students are required to be attending school, however if they are unwell please ensure that you contact the school office so we can record their absence.

What is changing is we can now look forward to inter-school and community sport, cultural events and performances and to welcoming all of our school community on site for these activities. Our assemblies will resume at the beginning of term 3, as will a host of whanau events to reconnect with our whanau and community. We will continue with our drop off and pick up times as well as the drop off of students at the front of the school. This has proven to be successful as our students have settled quickly into school and learning each day and has minimised the disruption to teaching and learning. You are welcome on site, however please be mindful that teachers are not available in the am or during learning time for a korero as they are focussed on the days learning and welcoming students each day. If you do need to talk to your child's teacher for any reason please email them to organise a suitable time to meet.

We look forward to getting back to some normality and the exciting new projects that are emerging at Firth Primary School. Watch this space. Have a great week.

A special welcome to our new children:

Amy Kim, J.J. & Melody Campbell, Keirah Grey, Korbin & Mason Todd and their families. We hope your time here at Firth is enjoyable.

Reporting to the school office

If your child/children arrive at school after 9 a.m. They must report to the school office so we can amend the school attendance rolls.

Scholastic Bookclub

Scholastic Lucky Book Club brochures, Term 2, have been distributed to students. All orders need to be given in at the school office no later than Friday 19 June 2020.

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Visitors are Limited

We are continuing to maintain a limit on visitors to the school office. Our school office is open, however we would appreciate only emergency or necessary interactions to ensure we continue with a high degree of minimising traffic in and out of the office. We thank you for your understanding. For the safety of our staff and students we ask that parents and visitors do not come into the school grounds unless it is totally necessary. Only use these communication mediums to communicate with school. Please do not use the facebook page for absences. You can communicate through **txt: office cell: 0272660365, (preferred number), principal 021804407,(txt only) email: office@firth.school.nz, office phone: 078887396**

FUNDRAISING - OP SHOP

We are running the Op Shop fundraiser from **22nd - 26th June**. Thank you to Robyn Aoake for organising this event and the roster of people to support this fundraiser. You can drop off any clothing you may have directly to the op shop or alternately at school. We will also open on **Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st**. We need people to help with this fundraiser and below are the times we will have the op shop. We are asking for keen bakers to supply morning tea for the helpers working at the op shop. If you can help please email Robyn on mcraeaoake@gmail.com. Please let us know if you can help in any way.

HOT CROSS BUNS

Thank you to all the whanau that bought hot cross buns to support our camp fundraiser. Great news, our hot cross buns will be ready for pick up from 8:30am on Thursday 11 June from the school Office.



Please download this app if you haven't already, as this is a great way for us to communicate with you.

Term Dates 2020

Term 2. Wednesday 15 April to Friday 3 July 2020.

Anzac Day – Public Holiday – School is Closed – Monday 27th April 2020

Term 3 - Monday 20th July - Friday 25th September

Term 4 - Monday 12th October - Wednesday 16th December

Keep up-to-date with what is happening at Firth Primary School on our Website. Firth Newsletters are now available at www.firth.school.nz

Firth Primary School Facebook page.

We have a facebook page - please 'like' our page to keep up to date with what is happening at Firth, and other important information.



The Ministry of Health website remains the best source for information about Covid-19.

www.health.govt.nz

We commend the Government's pro-active approach to minimise risk and re-iterate that the actual risk because of the Government's stance remains low.

Kia kaha, Nga mihi

Michelle Ryan

Principal