

ROCKS

Respect Originality Confidence Kindness Success

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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

School Open for Students	18 May
NZ Music Month	May
Pink Shirt Day	17 May
Wearable Arts completion date	29 May
Queen's Birthday holiday	1 June
Planting Day	19 June

TERM DATES 2020

Term 2 2020	15 April – 3 July
Cohort Entry Date	18 May
Term 3 2020	20 July – 25 September
Cohort Entry Date	24 August
Term 4 2020	12 October – 18 December
Staff Only Days	24 August, 27 October 2020

WHAKATAUKI

Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi engari he toa takimano

My strength is not that of the individual but that of the collective

VALUE OF THE WEEK – PB4L FOCUS

Our value of the week is SUCCESS or PIKI

I am in the right place, doing the right thing, at the right time.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Hello, Talofa lava, Chao, Dia dhaoibh, Namaste, Giday, Guten Tag, Assalamulaikum, Ciao, Salve, Ayubowan, Fakaalofa atu, Hola, Susaday, Bonjour, Ni Hao

Kia ora,

Wow! You would not believe how excited we are to be able to welcome you all back and operate under Covid 19 Alert level 2. The good news is that there are very few restrictions at this level meaning students will be with their own teachers and peers, in their own classrooms. Our playground will re-open and students can make full use of the playground during break times to play with their friends.

To keep staff and students safe and healthy during this time we have developed specific health and safety guidelines for everyone to follow. Please refer to the attached chart and make yourselves and your children familiar with the new routines, ready for Monday.

Reflecting on learning is a key part of teaching and we would like to hear from you and your children about your experiences while learning at home in Lockdown for these past 7 weeks or so. Please take the time to complete the accompanying google form -

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1L0AQ7bhLdlgXdviTp8Xep1nL0D5BIIsZZ8IU86pzE2k/edit>

We will use this information to tailor our approach as we transition back into our school spaces and routines.

We look forward to welcoming our new cohort entry children on Monday.

Here is a song you may find helpful – please see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yZvtoVrykb8&feature=youtu.be>

We are well equipped with supplies of flowing soap, disinfectant and hand sanitiser. There are masks and gloves available for those who find these reassuring.

Finally, as we are all still adjusting to life in this time of world-wide pandemic and we need to show manaakitanga to all.

WE'VE GOT THIS!

Arohanui,

Tineke and the team

RA WHĀNAU KIA KOE

Best wishes and happy birthday to Kitana (today) and Felix for 16 May. Enjoy your day in your special bubble.



YUMMY APPLE STICKERS

Remember to start saving those Yummy Apple Stickers – ask your extended family and friends to collect these for us. We will be sending home sticker charts for you to affix your stickers to next week.

We look forward to receiving our share of the sporting equipment in September.



Guiding FREE For Term Two:



For more information: <https://girlguidingnz.org.nz/join-us/#joinform>

Pippins Explore and Brownies Explore FREE for 2020:

Click here for more information: <https://girlguidingnz.org.nz/explore/>



Code Club

As you may already know, we are well underway with our annual [She Can Code](#) programme for 2020.

This year students will be engaging in the project from home. Over the next few weeks, students will follow the design process to create their own tech product and submit by 5pm on the 24th of May. Submissions can be in the form of a video, a written report or a poster along with photos of their finished product.

We are seeking any volunteers keen to help us with marking the submissions! The expected time frame for this is around an hour (depending of course on how many volunteers we get). If you're interested please flick me an email at siobhan@codeclub.nz and I will be in touch with guidelines for marking and access to the dropbox. The categories for marking will be sorted by age groups: 5-8, 9-13 and 13+.

Please let me know where in NZ you are based and which age group you'd like to mark. I'm also happy to arrange a google hangout or zoom chat to discuss the process with everyone who's keen.

Thanks for your time and support in helping Kiwi kids learnt to code. You're all amazing!

Ngā mihi nui Siobhan and the She Can Code team

As our government is trying to figure out how to ease back to free our lives - please remember:

- 🔴 Some people don't agree with the suggested reopening.... that's okay. Be kind.
- 🏠 Some people are still planning to stay at home.... that's okay. Be kind.
- 🦠 Some are still scared of getting the virus and a second wave happening....that's okay. Be kind.
- 🧑 Some people are glad to heal their mental health issues from the lockdownthat's okay. Be kind.
- 👥 Some people need the touch of other human beings after being isolated alonethat's okay. Be kind.
- 👨 Some are sighing with relief to go back to work knowing they may possibly save their business or their homes....that's okay. Be kind.
- 👨 Some are thankful they can finally have a surgery they have put off....that's okay. Be kind.
- 📅 Some will be able to attend interviews after weeks without a job....that's okay. Be kind.
- 😷 Some will wear masks for weeks....that's okay. Be kind.
- 💇 Some people will rush out to get the hair or nails done.... that's okay. Be kind.
- ❤️ The point is, everyone has different viewpoints/feelings and that's okay. Be kind.

We each have a different story. If you need to stay home, stay home. But be kind.

If you need to go out, just respect others when in public and be kind!

Don't judge fellow humans because you're not in their story.

We all are in different Financial - and - Mental states than we were months ago. So remember, be kind.