



As-salāmu‘alaykum - Peace be with you

No 8

21 March 2019

WELCOME to Kiara Gulati, Shanelli Weerasinghe Arachchilage and Jessica and Madelynn Clarke who started school in Room 10 this week. We know they will enjoy their time here learning and making new friends

LAST FRIDAY

I am not going to get into the tragedy that resulted in a lockdown. I have no words that would be better than what has already been said so well by our Prime Minister.

I do wish to talk about our lockdown. We do have Lockdown Procedures and we have practised them with our children - although we've kept these to a minimum for obvious reasons. The staff have a good understanding of the procedures and put them into place very well.

You the parents were probably less aware of them. Lockdowns are to keep the staff and children (and anyone else on site) safe inside locked buildings. The key elements of any lock down for parents and whanau to understand are:

- Do not come to or enter the school
- You will not be admitted to the buildings
- Your children will not be released to you (until the lockdown is lifted)
- Do not phone the school - keeping the landline free is important
- We will text or email updates to you
- If you need to contact the school - vital medication for a child for example email the school.

Lockdowns can occur for a range of reasons. Friday's one was directed by the Police so only they could lift it.

I have heard from fellow principals that there were some parents across the city that did not react appropriately so I would like to acknowledge how well you all did in supporting the school.

You may be aware that some children at different schools may have stayed under desks and were not allowed to move around. We do have that in our procedures but given the particular context I felt that these procedures weren't necessary so selected the procedures that kept children safe but reduced the stress and anxiety for them (in some situations it may be necessary to do this). The other important factor in keeping children calm was not sharing the details of the tragedy.

SUSTENANCE

Feeding the children also helped keep them calm. Yesterday we replenished the emergency water supply. We were fortunate to have some food to share with the children (in addition to what they had left over in their lunchboxes) and the hot chips were a real treat - I am sorry but I don't recall who the two dads were - but thank you.

In regard to food, we are going to introduce a scheme that will provide some sustenance if it is needed in the future. Each and every child will bring a wrapped muesli bar or something similar to school - it will be named and put into a sealed container and kept in each room. Because it is supplied by the family it will each meet child's individual (a.k.a. fussy) tastes and more importantly meet any dietary requirements/allergies.

The bars are collected at the start of the year. At the end of each term the bars are given back to the children to eat and then replaced with a 'fresh bar'. This turnover ensures that no 'Used by Dates' are exceeded. **We will be getting this ready in April for Term 2.**

LAST WORDS

Thank you everyone who has kindly acknowledged the staff and the school - the Facebook comments, the emails and texts, the cards and the wonderful baking. We have really appreciated it so thank you very much. The Subway lunch that a group of parents organised for today was wonderful.

The school received a lot support and advice from the Ministry of Education so I'd like to acknowledge them also.



DANCE PERFORMANCE
Casebrook Intermediate Hall
Friday 22 March at 1pm
(School Uniform to be worn)



GOLD COIN DONATION - Friday 22 March

We will be celebrating our children's learning and dancing today. Our dance has helped children feel connected to each other, the school and their families. The stronger these bonds, the more safe and supported people feel.

We will use the donations to CONNECT with and SUPPORT the Canterbury Muslim Association so they can start to feel SAFE.

It's always hard to give definitive times when you are transporting children but we expect the performance to start at 1pm. We request that you be in the hall just before 1pm

All the children will be bussed back to school. Please do not ask or expect to take your child from the performance. This is for Health & Safety reasons and it slows down the transferring and transporting of the children.

Friday lunches are still going ahead as we have arranged an earlier delivery.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

This year is the triennial election for the parent reps and staff rep for the Board of Trustees. The elections are over May and June with the new board starting their roles on 14 June .

We will be looking for parents to put their names forward to fill 5 parent rep positions.

The Board's role is best summed up with these three words.

Representation	Trustees at the school, on behalf of the community, make decisions in the best interests of all students
Leadership	Boards set the direction for the school and are future focused.
Accountability	The Board is responsible for ensuring that the school is well managed and is working towards achieving its vision

The board generally meets 10 times a year on a Tuesday at 7pm and most meetings last about 1 ½ hours. There is some reading and a few other tasks that may happen between meetings.

There is a lot of support available and this link is a great place to start if you are interested

<https://parents.education.govt.nz/primary-school/getting-involved-in-your-childs-school/your-school-board-of-trustees/>

The New Zealand School Trustees Association is running a number of workshops before the elections if you are interested go along or just pop into school.

Korari: a programme that provides you with governance training to help you understand the role of school boards of trustees.

- 9 April at 6-8pm **ChCh East School**
- 11 April at 6-8pm **Hornby High School**

The next board meeting is at 7pm on Tuesday 21 May. You are most welcome to come along - we will dedicate the first 15-20 minutes of the meeting for interested people to ask questions of the current board, there would be the option to stay on for the duration of the meeting.

URGENT REMINDER - VACCINATION DOCUMENTS DUE IN

If you received a letter and text last week advising that our records were incomplete for your child's immunisations, please urgently supply these to the School Office

19 March 2019

Canterbury Measles Outbreak – Latest Information for schools and EEC

Canterbury

District Health Board

Te Poari Hauora o Waitaha

Measles is spreading in Canterbury. It is a highly infectious virus that can be life threatening. Complications occur in about one in three people, and for them measles can be serious, even fatal. What are the symptoms?

1. cough or runny nose or conjunctivitis AND
2. fever above 38.50c AND
3. a rash

If you're sick stay home and telephone your GP team for advice any time of day or night. Please do not go to your GP in person as you may spread the illness to others. Anyone with measles needs to be isolated from the time they become ill until 5 days after the rash has appeared.

Who is protected from measles?

People who have had two MMR vaccinations (typically given at 15 months and 4 years) are immune from measles. People born before 1969 will have been exposed to the measles virus and will have acquired immunity.

Those born between 1969 and 1990 are considered to have a good level of protection. This group were offered one measles vaccine and evidence suggests that one dose of MMR protects 95% of people from developing measles.

What is the priority group for vaccination?

To ensure vaccines are being provided to those in greatest need, a vaccination programme is being rolled out by general practices which prioritises those who need it most – that's those most at risk of harm if they get measles.

The immediate priority is children aged 12 months to 13 years who have never been immunised. GP teams are also focusing on providing the vaccine to young adults aged 14 years to 28 years who have never been immunised. As more vaccine becomes available the MMR vaccine will be made available to other priority groups.

What happens if there's been a case of measles in a school or early childhood education centre?

Most students in Canterbury have good immunity against measles. Health authorities will be in contact with any school or early childhood centre where there has been a confirmed case and advise accordingly.

If there is a confirmed case at their pre-school, child care centre or school, then parents should keep their unimmunised child at home. As a general rule, a contact is considered someone who has been in a confined space with a confirmed measles case (while the case was infectious) up to one hour after the case was there.

Should students attend outside of school events?

Students who feeling unwell with measles-like symptoms, or who are not fully vaccinated against the measles, should avoid events as there will be a risk of either catching or 'passing on' measles. More information about measles is available at <http://www.immune.org.nz>

SCHOOL RECORDS FORM - REMINDER

We are still waiting on a few families to return their School Records Update Form. Please return these as soon as possible to the School Office. This is especially important in light of Friday's events.

The following families are still due to return forms:

Amber Elkington	Xavier Jaggard	
Eva Howard	Zachary Woodward	Zac & Benji Cotes-James
Kaylee Booth	Quinn Scott	Rory Sutcliffe
Thomas Vuelma Lewis	Tyson Johnston	Anzac Robinson
Ashton Corbet	Chloe Lindsay	Liam Kerr
Miyah Rosewarne	Ella Luhrs	Zack Williams
Eva-Maree McDermott	Cyrus Tautari	Louis Li
Oliver Nguyen		

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 22 March, 1pm

Thursday 28 March

Thursday 11 April

Dance performance at Casebrook Intermediate

Junior Sports Day - 10.45am to 1pm

Cross Country - Owen Mitchell Park

Kia kaha te menemene - keep smiling

Paul

COMMUNITY NEWS

DATE CHANGE TO - 9 April

Here's your chance to get involved and make a difference in our community. We are having our first meeting of the Redwood Business & Residents Association, ~~Thursday 21st March~~ at 7pm at The Christchurch Function Centre, The Redwood, 340 Main North Rd. Come along, share your views, hear what others have to say about Redwood, and help enhance our community. More information is available on our Facebook page: facebook.com/Redwood-Business-and-Residents-Association.



Embrace Redwood

Join the Redwood Business and Residents Group

- Get involved
- Enhance our community
- Have your say
- News and Events

Get to know and support your neighbours and local businesses

facebook.com/Redwood-Business-and-Residents-Association

Ngāi Tahu Learner Support Grants. Students registered with Ngāi Tahu are eligible to receive 'Learner Support Grants'.

All whānau with students who identify as Ngāi Tahu are invited to attend a hui at Casebrook on the 28th of March at 6.30pm. Tahu Stanley, Kaitoko Mātauranga for Ngai Tūāhuriri will be presenting to whānau about the many amazing opportunities Ngāi Tahu have for them. These opportunities encourage growth and development of a strong cultural, Ngāi Tahu identity and can help in many ways. An example is "Tahua Taunaki" a \$450 grant for any registered Ngāi Tahu child attending school to receive extra tuition.

If you would like to find out more please contact Taniora Leys tleys@casebrook.school.nz or Tahu Stanley directly tahu.stanley@ngaitahu.iwi.nz

Ngāi Tahu Mātauranga

KAITOKO MĀTAURANGA NGĀI TŪĀHURIRI

WHAT CAN THE KAITOKO MĀTAURANGA DO FOR YOUR WHĀNAU?

Develop individual education plans catered to specific family needs

Planning with whānau, for whānau

Strengthen Ngāi Tahu & Ngāi Tūāhuriri identity & culture

Information on Te Reo and cultural wānanga including Kia Kūrapa, Kura Reo Kāi Tahu, Kura Reo Rakatahi and more

Access to Māori leadership opportunities Manawa Hou, Te Ara Whakatipu, Holiday Programmes and more

Connect with scholarships and resources Tahua Taunaki, Kā Pūtea, Yamada O'Regan, Kā Manukura & more



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Safe Kids In Daily Supervision

Wairakei Holiday Programme

15th - 26th April 2019

250 Wairakei Rd, Bryndwr, Christchurch

Holiday Programme

Full Day 7am-6pm \$50

Short Day 8:30am-3pm \$40

Half Day 7am-1 pm OR 1-6 pm
\$35

Trip Day 7am-6 pm \$60

Monday 15th

5 Ways to Wellbeing

Connecting, being active learning, giving and taking notice are all essential for our wellbeing! Let's explore these through fun activities.

Tuesday 16th

E Rere Taku Poi!

Join us on a journey through Aotearoa history as you create your own poi and learn some te reo poi e!

Wednesday 17th

Nurture Nature (Trip Day)

Come on down to the local community garden where you will learn some fun and exciting gardening skills! Christchurch South community garden.

Thursday 18th

Easter Egg-stravagan

Let's explore the magic of Easter together at the Easter bunnies headquarters! Egg hunting, painting, gift baskets and much more.

Friday 19th

No Programme
Good Friday

Monday 22nd

No Programme
Easter Monday

Tuesday 23rd

The Amazing Race!

Will your team make it to first place? Join us for an action packed day of fun, laughter and excitement!

Wednesday 24th

Canterbury Museum (Trip Day)

Let's earn ourselves a medal by remembering this special day with an exciting day at the museum and crafting our own poppies!

Thursday 25th

No Programme
ANAZC Day

Friday 26th

Pj Paradise

Come along to our cosy hut in your favourite pj's for a fun filled day of movies, games and baking. The best way to end the holidays!

Important INFO on Reverse

Contact us on 027 235 3359 or Email Wairakeichch@skids.co.nz



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