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Newsletter

Thursday 21st May 2020

School Student Roll : 541

Currently Operating Under Alert Level 2 Procedures.....

WHAT'S HOT

Everyone is back at school safe and well
A successful 'distance learning' programme
We are all being "KIND" and showing Te Rapa HEART

WHAT'S NOT

COVID-19
Operating a large city school under Alert Level 3 and 2 conditions
Children missing out on special events eg. Arts, Sport etc.

Welcome New Entrant Students

This week Room 2 started with 7 x new students (5 year olds) all of whom were starting school for the very first time. It was lovely to host them in my office when their teachers were taking them for a school tour. They were all smiling and attentive, and they all had a story to share. I enjoyed welcoming them to our school, and I would like to extend a warm welcome to their parents / carers too.

Ms Cara MacKenzie – Room 18

Ms MacKenzie is an experienced teacher who started working with her Room 18 (Year 7 & 8) students during the distance learning programme, and was also part of the teaching staff onsite during Alert Level 3 where she worked with a small group of students. Her first day in the classroom with her class was on Monday this week under Alert Level 2, and we formally welcomed her to our Te Rapa Team.

THANK YOU to our MUMS & DADS Distance Learning at Home

Alert Levels 4 and 3 were not easy for any of us, and I am sure it wasn't always easy for many of you who were at home tutoring your children as part of the distance learning programme. In many instances it wouldn't have been easy for your child(ren) either. I would like to take this opportunity to 'thank' all of our parents / carers who were the tutors at the chalk face working from home during the lockdown period. Your support of your child(ren) was fantastic, and I suggest you all sign up for Teachers College because, for the most part, all of our students have returned happy and ready for more. It will take a little time for some to adjust, but I applaud you for the job you did. Well done mum and dad.

.... For "STOPPING" at the Front of our School

As a staff we would like to collectively say "thank you" to the mums and dads that are supporting all of the children and all of the staff at our school by **stopping at the front** and not insisting that you walk into the school with your child, or to collect them at 3pm. Our school has respectfully asked that you do not come onto the school grounds during Alert Level 2 and it is important that we pause today and say thanks to parents / carers for working with us on this. You are appreciated. We also need to pause today to apologise to any parents / carers who may have been offended by the Senior Leadership Team adopting a "gate keeper" approach at the front of the school each morning. Please appreciate we are doing this under COVID-19 Alert level 2 to keep your children and our students safe, and also keep our staff safe too. We might be Principals now (Deputies and Assistants) but we were all parents first, and we would have preferred to have walked our own sons or daughters to their classrooms too this week (under Alert Level 2), but we also need to see the big picture. We know that if parents / carers were to all start walking onto the school grounds at this time, we are not helping your child or the other 540+ children and 50+ staff stay safe and stay healthy. This approach also helps everyone in our wider community too, because we are not exposing others who might be vulnerable (COVID-19). Please use this opportunity to help your child grow confidence and resilience too, and help teach them to be independent. Children know where to go to meet their classroom teacher (on arrival), and where to meet you (on departure). If they are a little anxious then perhaps walk them in once or twice, and during these 1 – 2 visits prepare them so they can then walk in independently themselves. Te Rapa students are quick learners, and we are eager to develop future leaders from a young age here too, and remember as soon as you leave them they are comfortable and happy, and promptly adjust to the school day ahead. This approach under Alert Level 2 is the right thing for us to do as adults, so thanks again for your part in helping "us" all remain safe and healthy at Te Rapa Primary School.

Please Note – If you **MUST** enter the school then please see one of the Senior Leadership Team to ensure you complete the register for contact tracing purposes, and you do not enter any of the school buildings other than the Administration Building.

THANK YOU to our Te Rapa TEACHERS & SUPPORT STAFF

Alert Levels 4 and 3 were not easy for teachers or school staff as we juggled working from home and the distance learning programmes. Some staff also hosted children at school every day during Alert Level 3. I would like to take this opportunity to 'thank' all of my teachers and support staff for all they did to support our students during the lockdown period. I applaud you. **Can I also thank all of the parents / carers who have shared positive feedback with us acknowledging a job well done.** We haven't received any negative commentary, so we are all feeling very upbeat and motivated so thanks again for standing with us as a parent body. It does not go unnoticed by our staff.

Student Health & Illness

During 'Alert Level Two' we will be taking a firm stance on keeping the school population healthy. We will send home any child who is sick or showing cold / flu-like symptoms. Please keep your child(ren) at home if they are feeling unwell.

Parents / Carers PLEASE

We also ask that if you have two or more children attending our school adopt the **'One Sick, All Sick'** rule during Level Two.

Student Absences

If your child(ren) is going to be away, please use our normal approaches to contact the school re. their absence. This can be

- (1) An email to your child's teacher
- (2) An email to the office team via absences@terapa.school.nz
- (3) Or phone the school on **07 8492232**

Hand Sanitising For Students

On arrival and also on departure please, and during the day too when and where appropriate.

Physical / Social Distancing

Teachers will continue to remind your child(ren) to observe physical / social distancing at school, and we would ask parents / carers to reinforce this at home too please. Ministry of Education advice is that children and staff at school should be far enough away from each other so that they are not breathing on or touching each other. There does not need to be a specific measurement, but where practicable 1 x metre can be used as a guide. We will continue to act on advice and guidance from the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health.

Thank you Student Leaders on Office Duty and managing our Road Patrol Crossing

We are most grateful that all of our student leaders at Te Rapa have quickly adapted this week, and are all back into normal routine. They are adhering to social distancing guidelines, and are eager to serve others in their leadership roles. You are all appreciated.

Term 2 Plan and other events later this year.

The Term 2 Calendar was shared with Te Rapa families this week, and it also appeared on the school APP. Lots of scheduled events have been either cancelled or postponed. Organisers of the cancelled events are now reviewing their decision, and dates are coming in from organisers of postponed events. As we get new dates we will share these with parents/ carers, and with students too. Please remember to update your calendars at home as the new dates are shared.

Administration Matters

Under Alert Level 2 parents / carers are asked to communicate with the school using the phone, email or internet banking etc. If you must visit then please observe the 2 x visitors in the Administration foyer area requirement. Look through the door before entering, and wait / queue outside until a visitor departs. All adult visitors will need to sign in for contact tracing purposes.

REMINDERS Returning School Resources

Please ensure all resources loaned to students prior to lockdown or perhaps part of their **take home learning pack** (reading material, library books or text books) are returned to your child's teachers.

Water Fountains

These will be closed this week and next week too, so students must bring their own water bottles. Please **NO GLASS** bottles. There will be stations made available in classrooms for children to fill their water bottles.

No Canteen and No Lunch Orders tomorrow.

The **school canteen is closed**, and there will be **NO LUNCH ORDERS** tomorrow (Friday). Please make sure that your child has morning tea and lunch tomorrow, and also Monday next week. We will review the canteen situation on Monday next week.

Parent – Teacher “Mid Year” Conferences End of this Term

2 x evenings on Wed. 1st July & Thurs. 2nd July

Teachers will host parents / carers for conferences on both these days commencing at 3pm. Conferences then run through to approx. 7.45pm each evening. Please keep an afternoon or evening free to attend your child(ren)'s conference because they are an important part of Te Rapa Primary's reporting system. **Booking opportunities will be offered later this Term.**

Mid-Year Conferences aim to...

- build on the *positive home – school partnership* and to further foster and enhance a child's learning progress and development
- discuss how your child has coped and re-adapted to school after the COVID-19 lockdown period (student well-being)
- discuss and set goals for Terms 3 & 4 following assessments and teacher professional judgements
- look at a child's attitude to their learning, and to strengthen their individual effort to seek personal improvement(s)
- discuss / identify the next Te Rapa HEART focus / leadership skill a child might need to become even better

Goal

To be our best !

REMINDER – Early Finish to the School Day

Note

Please collect children at 2.00pm on these 2 x **'parent-teacher conference'** afternoons

Conferences Evening #1 Bell sounds at **2.00pm Wednesday 1st July**

Conferences Evening #2 Bell sounds at **2.00pm Thursday 2nd July**

Early finish allows staff to carry out after-school duty requirements and ready themselves and their classrooms for Conference #1 at 3pm (bell sounds).

Children will be dismissed for the day at 2.00pm on both these afternoons.

NOTE - Parents – You must inform your child's after-school care provider

Thank you for your continued support of Te Rapa Primary Waikato Top School 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 & 2019
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V W Franklin (Principal) and Staff

Sports results

	Result	Player of the Day	Fairplay
Touch Results			
Te Rapa Kiwis vs Nawton Cubs	Win by default		
Te Rapa Kiwis vs Forest Lake Tumeke	Win 3-1	Kataleiya Tane	
Te Rapa Kiwis vs SPC Lions	Loss 4-7	Tyler McDonald	
Te Rapa Panthers vs Aberdeen Force	Loss 9-3	Brendan Munster	
Te Rapa Storm vs Southwell Mercury	Loss 6-1	Peighton Roberts	
Waterpolo			
Te Rapa Turbo vs Southwell Fins	Win 8-2		
Te Rapa Turbo vs St Peters	Draw 4 all		

Principals Incentive Award Recipients



BREAKFAST IDEAS

BANANA PANCAKES

- 2 ripe bananas - mashed
- 2 eggs
- 1/4 tsp baking powder
- 1 Tbsp flour
- Pinch of salt

Whisk eggs, add banana and mix well. Stir in remaining ingredients until well combined. Using a non-stick fry pan on medium heat add large spoonfuls of mixture. Cook until golden. Serve with fruit and a dollop of low fat yoghurt




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EGGY BREAD

- 1 egg
- 1/4 cup low fat milk
- 1/2 tsp of vanilla extract
- 2 pieces of wholegrain bread

Beat egg, milk and vanilla in a bowl. Dunk bread into mixture until completely covered. Using a non-stick pan, cook bread on both sides until golden.

Enjoy with slices of fruit and a dollop of yoghurt!




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Ella H - Winner for the Waikato

Hi Ella

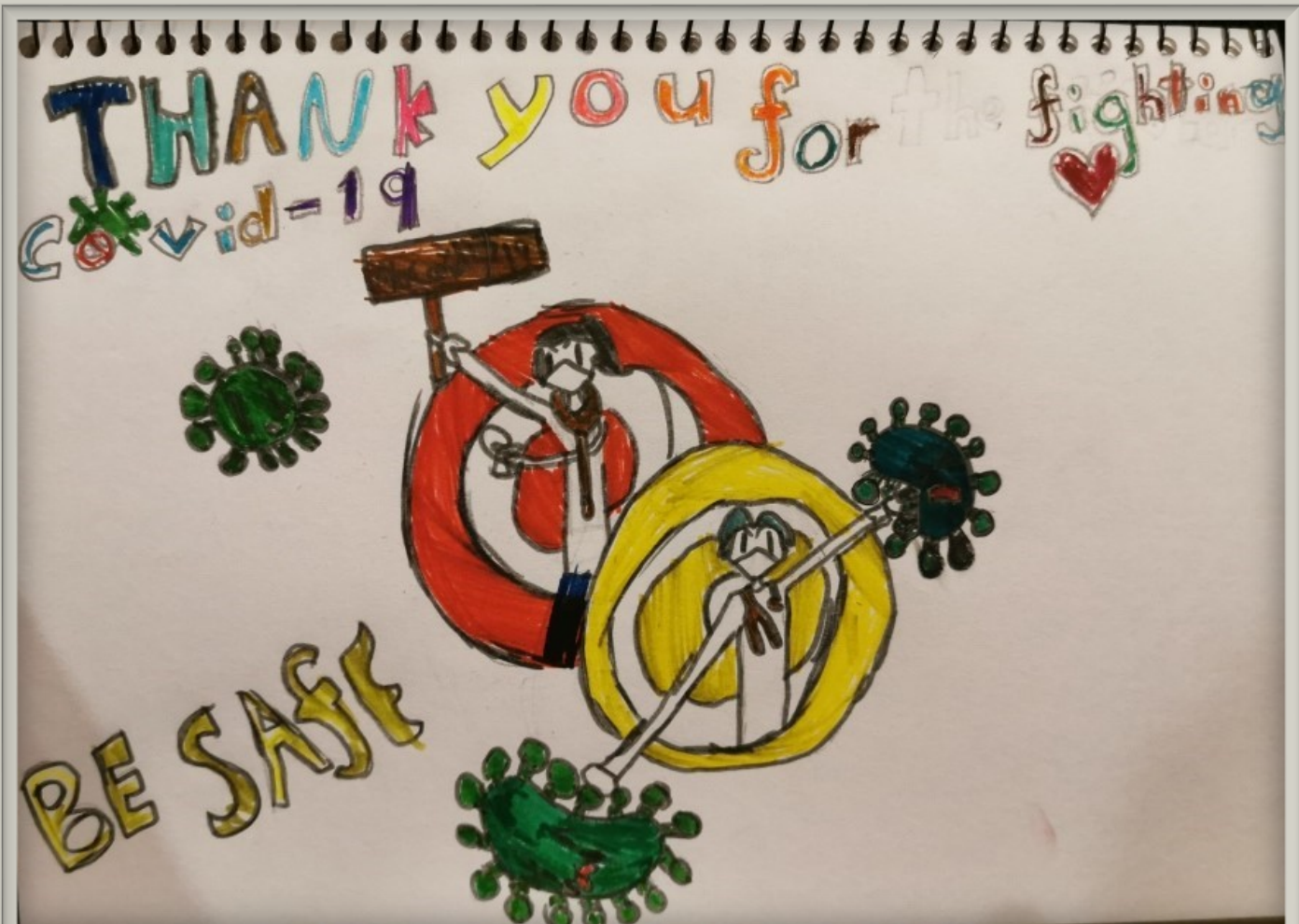
I am delighted to advise that you are the winner of the Art Competition for Year 4. Well done! You are obviously a very talented young artist, and it's great to see that you are thinking about the vital services that our health workers and others are providing at this challenging time.

You will be receiving a yummy prize generously donated by Lewis Road Creamery. I hope you like ice cream!

Congratulations Ella, and thank you for entering the competition. Keep enjoying and working on your art as you have lots of talent, and have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Tim Macindoe



Term 1 2020 Year 3 and 4 Mathletes

Each term the top Mathletics student from each room receives an engraved medal to treasure forever.

Pictured are the Term 1 winners.

Room 7-Rocco

Room 8-Jack

Room 9-Ella

Room 10-Gurroop

Room 11-Lin



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