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# Carew Peel Forest School



Weekly Newsletter

Thursday 19th March 2020



**All events  
are cancelled  
until further  
notice**

ALL DATES CAN BE FOUND ON OUR  
SCHOOL WEBSITE CALENDAR,  
ALONG WITH OTHER EVENTS AND  
ACTIVITIES WHICH YOU MAY FIND  
USEFUL FOR FUTURE PLANNING

What a busy week - how fast things can change from one week to the next! Important COVID-19 updates will be included in the newsletter, on our Facebook page or via email if they are extra important. Please ensure you check in regularly. Currently, assemblies have been cancelled for the remainder of the term and any non essential gatherings (such as trips) have also been cancelled. This is at the recommendation of the Ministries of Health and Education. We will continue to follow their advice and provide you all with any relevant information as it changes.

On a really bright note, we are starting a fifth class next term. We have a number of new entrants joining us later this year which would have lead to very large junior class sizes. The Board of Trustees has agreed to put some funding aside for the extra teacher. We'd like to welcome back Mrs Cushla McKerchar who will be taking a year 2/3 class in the (old) library alongside the Pukekos. Cushla has taken the overflow classes towards the end of the past two years so we will enjoy having you for a longer part of the year. We will be looking at class numbers towards the end of the term and will advise you of any changes for your children within the last week of term.

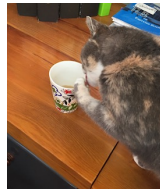
Please ensure you all keep yourselves and your families safe. If we here at school can help with this in any way, please let us know.

Sharon Ketter and the CPFS Team.

**SCHOOL POOL IS NOW  
CLOSED  
FOR THE SEASON.**

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR  
POOL KEYS TO OBTAIN  
YOUR REFUND.**

## UPDATE ON SC...



Me drinking tea  
in my school  
life...

Helloowwwwww friends from school... As I have been rather quiet for a while, (enjoying my retirement in Peel Forest), I thought it was about time for a catch-up!

I have been extremely busy sun-bathing this year with my friends Storm the dog and some funny fluffy birds - a bit large for me to catch!! I wasn't very pleased when Storm first arrived at my home, but as she is a rescue dog I felt I should be a bit more tender hearted towards her... I got there in the end! The chooks (all 5 of them!!!) keep me entertained when I awake from my slumbering and are normally cruising around the place giving me something to observe! You won't be surprised to hear that I am still the Queen and have plenty of fuss and attention to keep me happy. I still rule!!



Me and the happy gang



Cuddles on dads arm



Helloowwwwwwww

## Community Snippets



**TIK TOK** Have you heard your children talking about this? Tik Tok is an online app which is not suitable for primary age students - the minimum age to 'join' is 13 years old. We have had some reports of this platform being used inappropriately by students both known to, and within our school. Tik Tok is not always as innocent as it may first appear. We ask that you monitor closely any use of this app by students. If you do feel it is appropriate for your child to use this then please ensure they are well educated around internet safety and bullying.

We have had notification from Swim Canterbury, Canterbury Rugby League, Canterbury Softball, and Touch Canterbury that all sporting events are suspended until further notice. I am sure that other Associations will follow too.

This affects our swimming events on 31 March and 2 April, our 5/6 Rugby League Tournament, and our summer weekly sport.

Please leave the entries online – or still enter them, so that if and when we can have an alternative date it will be easier to continue.

Winter weekly sport. Still enter teams and if we have to change the dates we will.

Kind regards

**Lyn Miles MNZM**

Most young kids will remember  
**how their family home felt  
during the coronavirus panic**  
more than anything specific about the virus.

Our kids are watching us and learning about  
how to respond to stress and uncertainty.

**Let's wire our kids for resilience, not panic.**

Due to the Covid-19 virus and directives from NZ Golf and the Ministry of Health we have decided to cancel the Junior Golf Tournament that was to be held at Geraldine District Golf Club on Thursday 23rd April.

Can you please either write cancellation on the posters I sent you or take them down.

Thanks and Regards  
Graham

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**Graham Keen  
Aorangi Golf**