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Carew Peel Forest School



Weekly Newsletter

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This is a reminder that all events outside of our school have been cancelled for the remainder of Term 2.

This unfortunately includes cross country and ski and skate day. These events will be back next year.

During this time of managing life under COVID-19 Alert Levels we are sticking to our school environment where we have good control of the prevention of infection and contact tracing.

Thank you for your support and understanding during this time.

Kia ora koutou

Another week at school under Alert Level 2 with what appears to be another four weeks to go. We are really pleased with the processes we have in place which are working well for most. We continue to remind children about distancing - if you could do this from home also, that would be great.

Thank you for dropping off and picking up at the gate - this routine is going well and will continue throughout this level. From next week, we are asking parents to manage this themselves in the morning. After dropping children off, they will go directly to their classes and sanitise their hands before entering. Teachers will be monitoring this in classrooms.

If you enter the gate for any reason, it's vital that you come to the office first and fill in the contact register. Whether you come in for 1 minute or 10, this is a requirement. There are no exceptions to this.

We will continue to restrict visitors to our school - please phone ahead of arriving at school if doing this between 8.55 and 2.55. This particularly applies if picking up children early. Please wait at the gate, we will send children out once we know you are there. Children will be told to wait at the sandpit until they see you.

COVID continues to be ruling our lives a little, but please be assured that there is some wonderful learning happening in the classrooms. The enthusiasm of the children is so evident when I walk into each class, and teachers are really running with the creative and hands on approach to learning that the children loved so much during lockdown. I hope happy children are coming home and telling you about their day.

We will not be doing formal written reports this term, instead we will be organising parent teacher meetings when we have the opportunity to hear from you about your child's learning and share with you how this is going at school.

I know many of you miss the informal catch up with teachers but we are able to video conference (Whereby) with you if you need to catch up in the meantime. Please let the teacher know you'd like to chat and they can arrange a time with you.

I continue to reflect upon our time in lockdown and what components made our lives more pleasurable. Whilst life will always be busier when not confined to home, I do hope that you've managed to keep some of what you loved doing alive in your households post lockdown.

Take care

Sharon

The Board of Trustees invites you to share your opinion on the possible separation of the current board into two separate boards - one each for Geraldine High and Carew Peel Forest Schools.

Please click on the link to have your say. [Board Survey](#)
Alternatively you can paste the following into your browser:

[https://
www.surveymonkey.co
m/r/RWMRZ2V](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RWMRZ2V).

Please remember to let us know if any of your personal details have changed e.g phone number, address, emergency contacts, medical, doctor etc.. Thank you

Huatekerekere Hub

Dear Students, Parents and Families in Huatekerekere Hub

It is lovely to have the hustle and bustle of children in the hub with their enthusiasm and curiosity again! We have found everyone is very happy and settled back at school. We welcome Paige and Henry into the Piwakawaka class. We have seen the benefit of enabling the children to transition back into class, by providing opportunities for children to reconnect with their peers through play. Play based learning offers wonderful experiences to create and explore students own interests while having meaningful conversations and collaborations with others. Seesaw is also giving us a chance to keep those school/home connections, so keep checking our posts!

Interests

Students interests this week have covered swords (from our work on maps) which lead to pirate treasure and pirates. Children have also explored string games. Our work on friction was inspired by children noticing a child in a story book going down a slide on a mat. Students have also been noticing the numerous fungi around the school during this autumn time. A child's family interest in the coral reefs has led to many discussions about parrot fish and healthy habitats. The freedom of our curriculum (and our school philosophy) is wonderful because it allows us to follow the childrens' lead and interests.

Teddy Bears Picnic – Friday 29 May in the afternoon!

Following on from the nation wide "We are going on a bear hunt" focus from lockdown, many schools are holding a Teddy Bears Picnic on Friday. Please could you child choose their favourite, small bear or soft toy to bring to school on Friday. Bears will have to keep to their personal bubble space! Please don't send any shared food as this will be provided at school. We look forward to meeting all the lovely bears!

Enjoy the Queen's birthday weekend!

Pip, Jayne and Cushla



Huatekerekere Hub (Tui class)

Tomorrow, our new Tui class opens. Mrs Cushla McKerchar has been working within the junior hub - Huatekerekere - since lockdown and now that the children are settled back at school, we've decided the time is right for the move. Children from Piwakawaka will be moving to Pukeko, and Pukeko children are moving to Tui. We've chosen a Friday for the move so that children are not anxious moving into a new class in a new week. They'll come to school on Tuesday, already knowing a little about the expectations.

TARAHAOA HUB

Tēnā koutou families!

Phew, nearly at the end of our second week back at school already!

It has been wonderful to see all of our students back at school with bright happy smiles and full of memories to share.

During the first week back at school, each student wrote their favourite memory from lockdown onto a memory bubble sheet. We have these memories displayed on our wonderful work wall. Almost all of these memories were centred around family time and it was lovely to read about these treasured family memories.

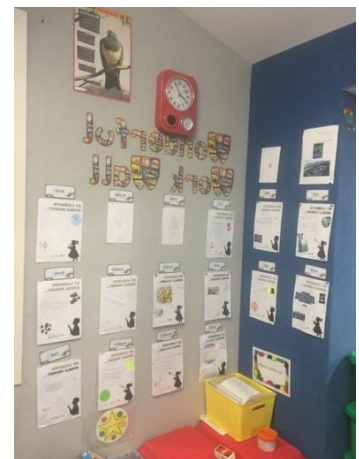
With lockdown causing such chaos with our school schedules, we have altered our topic for the rest of year and so the kids are now exploring 'passion projects'. Your child may have come home and discussed ideas with you. 'Passion projects' are individual projects that the students choose. They decide on a topic or area they would like to learn more about and then come up with some questions they can explore the answer to. So far we have a fantastic range of topics and ideas; such as exploring farming on Minecraft, why mentos and coke explode, how do you make the biggest bubble, how to make an inescapable puppy pen and designing a new kind of dinosaur.

Our school received some letters last week from some kids up in the north island whose last names are Carew. They had decided to name their home school Carew School and then remembered passing through Carew on a road trip some time. They have sent us some lovely letters and so our hub have been working on some replies. Our kids have either written a letter in reply or taken a photo of their favourite spot in school and explained why as part of a slideshow.

Our students also wanted to pass on their excitement that the field is back in action and the fun they have been having creating things for our class story 'James and the giant peach'. You may have seen some Lego 'peaches' pop up on your child's Seesaw.

Ngā mihi,

Susanne and Connie



Community Snippets



**PLEASE REMEMBER TO
TEXT/RING THE BUS
DRIVER IF YOUR CHILD
WILL NOT BE ON THE
BUS**

Thank you

Cookietime Biscuits

We have 3-4 tins of unallocated cookie- time biscuits for sale at \$10 a tin. They expire Aug 2020. Please email or contact the office if you are interested.



FOOD HEAT UP'S

Due to the cold weather we will start food heat up's next week. However all food must be secured within the paper bags to avoid cross contamination when handling. Please name and staple the bags closed.

The food will be handled by staff only.

Thank you

PLEASE!

Could ALL stationery accounts be paid ASAP.

We are happy to accept automatic weekly/ monthly payments if this helps. Thank you



WE NEED YOU MORE THAN EVER!!

Our little country club needs you! We need you to register so we can start building teams in preparation for the JAB Comp to start on the 27th June, that's right only 4 weeks away!

Please if you haven't done so already click on the below link to register your child for this upcoming season <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/104475>

We need you to do this as soon as possible so Lyall can start organising teams/coaches and get practices going.

Coaches will start touching base next week with the kids that have already registered to get the ball rolling

Make sure you share this with anyone you know that is keen to play this year



**JUNIOR
SQUASH**



Come along and 'Have a Go'

Have you ever thought about giving squash a go – here's your opportunity. We are lucky enough to have Nick Mita, current Squash NZ World Juniors Coach in our district getting on court with juniors.

When:

Monday 1st June (Queen's Birthday)

Where:

Timaru Squash Club, Brunswick Street, Timaru

Time:

10am-11.30am

Cost:

FREE of charge



Register on the day
Enquiries to:
squashmidlands@hotmail.co.nz

TRY IT. PLAY IT. LOVE IT.