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Carew Peel Forest School



Weekly Newsletter

Thursday 21st May 2020



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.



FOOD HEAT UP'S

Please note there will be NO heat up's or hot lunches for two weeks (this week and next), until we re-evaluate the current situation. This is due to the fact that we can't share food. The heated food requires handling by people other than the owner.

Thank you once again for your understanding under these circumstances.

Kia ora koutou

It's lovely to be back at school and hear the buzz of children's voices and learning. Thank you for supporting the learning at home. We appreciate the extra effort that this took and hope it wasn't too much of a burden.

Thank you for your feedback on the emailed survey. This has been the best way to get answers from you all because it's the best response we've had yet! I really appreciate those that took the time to give us some feedback on home learning. We've been through all your responses as a staff and are working on implementing many of your suggestions.

A highlight of the lockdown for teachers has been seeing the creativity that was so plentiful. We particularly loved those who shared some of their cultural experiences. We love knowing about how you do things in your families because we know that learning is so much more powerful when we can share experiences between home and school. Please do keep sharing these things with us. We all love it.

Tuesday the 2nd June was a planned teacher-only day for our school. We have agreed to postpone this at this time as we settle the children back into school and learning. We understand that some of you may already have made plans for a long weekend so just let us know if you have. We don't expect you to cancel them of course, but a heads up would be wonderful. We will let you know once we finalise a postponement date later in the year.

We are pleased that our new processes around bus pick up's and drop off's are being managed successfully, the children are really accepting of these changes which has been lovely. I would like to thank you too for a great job educating your children about minimising the risk around COVID-19. We appreciate, and are grateful that our school families have so readily accepted the new procedures. Hopefully it isn't for too much longer because we want you all back in school as soon as we are able.

Take care and stay safe
Sharon.

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Combined Geraldine High School Carew Peel Forest Board of Trustees – Two Schools, One Board

For some time now our Board of Trustees have been reviewing how the combined board operates, it's effectiveness and efficiency, and discussing the possibility of splitting the governance structure so each school could function independently with it's own dedicated Board of Trustees.

This however, is not a decision the current Board of Trustees can, nor would wish to take without first seeking and understanding the thoughts and opinions of our school community. The establishment of separate boards can only be effective if it has the support of the school community.

Background

In 1999/2000 a Ministry of Education initiative began with the intention of combining the Boards of Trustees of local schools. In 2001 a combined Board of Trustees was formed governing Geraldine High School (503 students) and Carew Peel Forest (60 students). As a flow on of this initiative a joint caretaker role was established and some administrative duties were shared.

Fast forward 19 years and much has changed. Obviously the Ministry of education initiative to combine boards made little progress with combined boards being exceptions rather than the rule. Our two schools have also grown in student numbers, Geraldine High School by approximately 20% and Carew Peel Forest by approximately 35%. The schools now operate entirely independent of one another with the exception of governance from the Combined Board of Trustees.

The Board's View

The Board of Trustees believes that by disbanding the combined board and each school establishing its own dedicated board of trustees, more effective governance of the individual schools could be achieved. Separate boards would allow sole focus on governance of the respective school with greater opportunity to understand the unique character of the school more deeply, and leverage those strengths. This would flow through to all aspects of the school including student achievement.

We also believe separate boards would have more credibility through stronger engagement with their school community. Trustees would be more connected to each individual school which builds the mana, trust and confidence.

This view is a starting point and is very much open to consideration of the feedback to be gained through consultation.

Consultation

The process of consultation will take time. A parent survey will be created to gauge thoughts on the proposal, and dependent upon the prevailing Covid-19 situation over the next couple of months, we will endeavour to hold a public meeting if possible/sensible.

We will endeavour to have the survey out to our families and staff within a month to begin the consultation.

In the meantime if there are any queries please email either

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Regards

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Friday, 15 May 2020

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Alanna Taylor
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