

Limehills School Newsletter

9 September 2021

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FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Kia ora Limehills Friends and Families

I never envisaged I'd be saying "Welcome back" seven weeks into a school term! It's good to be back, and a huge thanks from me to our families and staff for the wonderfully active Limehills home-school connection during the Lockdown.

Our thoughts are with Mr Murray at this time. Hunter's mother passed away this week, and we're thinking of him during a sad and difficult time, but also a very special time with his family.

We appreciate Angela Frazer being able to relieve Hunter's room during his bereavement leave.

The lockdown has obviously played havoc with our school calendar, especially as far as planned events are concerned:

- **Polyfest** has been postponed until September 27 at this stage, but is hanging in the balance, as it would only go ahead under an Alert Level 1.
- Unfortunately, due to the complexities of Level 2 restrictions, the **ski trip** has been cancelled. Refunds will be follow in due course.
- All Term 4 events (Particularly Rm 7 and 8 camps; Pet Day, Touch & Miniball) are going ahead as planned, but we'll adapt and review as any changes to the pandemic situation present themselves.

Meanwhile, we'll endeavour to keep school as normal and enjoyable as possible, while adhering to our Health and Safety plan, which was sent out to you all on Tuesday, and is attached. The way parents got behind these last time we were in Level 2, e.g. with pick-ups/drop-offs, made the routines work super-smoothly, so we know it will be easy to adapt back into them.

Ka kite. Here's hoping for sun for lambs, calves, and school playtimes!

Andrew Watson
Acting Principal

What's On Diary

September

13 - 17 Road Sense Week (Police Education Officer)
21 - BOT
27 - Polyfest
30 - Southland Cricket Visit

October

1 - End of term 3
7 - Book Bus
16 - HPV #2
18 - Start of Term 4
18 - 21 Deep Cove
19 - Miniball starts
19 & 21- Hockey Programme in School starts - week 1
25 - Labour Day - No School
26-29 Wellington Camp

November

1 - Touch Starts (Mondays)
2 - BOT
4 - Book bus
8 - Pet Day

December

2 - Book bus
16 - Last day of school (Yr 7 below)
16 - Prizegiving
17 - Last day of school - Yr 8s

Te Kupu o te Wiki - Māori Word of the Week

[Haere rā - said by the person staying](#)

Ha - e - re. Rā

ALERTS!

- Just to let you know that there is a website (schoolpickup.co.nz) where you can purchase a wide range of items and the school will receive a commission on the sale. Thanks to those who have already nominated the school. It may be worth a look, especially if you are purchasing something expensive.
- Sports registrations - ([Click here for direct link to Kindo Sports Registrations](#))
 - Term 4 Miniball change of start date (19 October) and registrations now close 24 September
 - Term 4 Touch registrations close 24 September - please note Touch is on Mondays in Term 4
- Jubilee Meeting - now Wednesday 29 September
- CSC enrolments close 30 September 2021
- Subway orders will still be available on Wednesdays and Fridays via the Subway website.

WELCOME

Welcome to Kassidy and Sophie Lane who started at school today.

Also to Precious Terana and Nixon Cuthbertson who have started in Room 1.

Welcome to you and your families.

Junior Chess Results

Limehills players can be proud of their performance at the Southland primary school chess tournament (pre-Lockdown). They earned third place in the teams event.



Jack McDowall was the top scoring Limehills player. He came third equal and earned direct entry into the National event in Rotorua.

The team all supported each other beautifully and had a wonderful day playing seven rounds of chess!



VPNs (Virtual Private Networks) have been appearing on our Linewize report. This is a piece of

software that adds a layer of anonymity to devices using the internet and can be used to override filters.

Please go to the link below to find out more.

[VPNs - What parents need to know](#)

Great general information and parent factsheets are available by following the link

[Cybersafety Hub](#)

COVID - ALERT LEVEL 2 REMINDERS

- All buses will be operating as per normal schedules. Students will only be allowed to travel on their default buses.
- All students will need to bring a water bottle to school (no drinking fountains).
- All students will need to use their own stationery.
- Any student with a BYOD device should bring it to school.
- Heat-ups can be brought to school.
- No sharing of food including birthdays cakes.
- Parents and caregivers are asked to stay off site as far as possible. Essential appointments can be made, as/if required by contacting the office. Parents/ caregivers of our youngest students may need to contact their teacher to finalise drop off arrangements.
- Visitors must enter and exit via the main office door and must sign in and out. Please adhere to good hygiene practices and physical distancing. Masks are recommended but not mandatory.
- Students who are even slightly unwell must be kept at home. Please ensure you advise the office of any absences.
- Sausages and burgers will not be available on Thursdays.
- Subways will still be available on Wednesdays and Fridays.
- No assemblies and no co-op.

Face Coverings:

Neither children nor staff are required to wear face coverings at school, however anyone who wishes to, will be supported to do so.

Bus:

The bus runs will resume as normal. Staff will assume default arrangements, unless advised otherwise by a parent/caregiver - **not a student**. Please advise the office with any changes to bus/pick up arrangements. Face coverings are not required on school transport

Drop off / pick ups:

We ask that all parents remain beyond the school gates whenever possible. A group of senior students will direct children from the tennis courts to any waiting parents after school. On wet days, bus students will continue to be supervised in the hall. Students waiting to be collected by parents will take shelter under the sand pit until directed to a waiting parent. **Note: Parent drop-off and pick-up will be at the front gate only.**

LIMEHILLS COMMUNITY POOL



Keys will be on sale soon. Watch this space!