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Pinehill School

30th August 2021

Kia ora koutou,

I hope you are all doing well in your bubbles. A big thank you to you all for your support during this time, particularly the support you are giving your children with distance learning.

Teacher Only Day Postponement

We have postponed our up-and-coming Teacher Only Day this Friday, 3rd September. The nature of this day was focused around our Local Curriculum, much of it offsite and is just not possible in an online scenario.

In alignment with our cluster schools in our Kahui Ako, we will postpone this Teacher Only Day to next year.

3WC Cancelled

Three-Way Conferences were planned for Wednesday and Thursday this coming week. When we sent out the online booking system for this, we were hopeful Level 4 would be short and sharp as it was earlier in the year and we would be back on site for this to happen. Unfortunately, this is not the case. We will, however, instead of 3WCs, have **online Learning Check In's**.

For all families who have already booked their 3WC interview times, these have been cancelled and you will now need to rebook.

Learning Check In - Book in now for Thursday and Friday

The Purpose of a Learning Check In

To check-in and connect with each other online

To offer a reporting platform via Zoom on children's progress and achievements (lockdown way)

How will we do a Learning Check-In?

- You will be able to book a time online (like we do for a 3WC) to meet with your child's teacher for a Learning Check-In. This is for you and your child to attend.
- Your child's teacher will send you a Zoom link invitation.
- You log into Zoom when it is your child's Learning Check-in time.
- You will initially be in a Zoom 'waiting room'. Your child's teacher will admit you and your child once they have finished the previous Learning Check-In meeting.
- Learning Check-In meetings will be 15 minutes long.

How will a Learning Check-in Look? Very different from a 3WC. Teachers have not taken learning records or student books home given there was little notice moving into Level 4.

Format of a Learning Check In

- Your child recently received a mid-year report. This is an opportunity for you to discuss the mid-year report further and ask any questions about the report.
- Teachers will be checking in with you and your child on Level 4 Distance Learning. Some questions they may ask you could be as follows:

- How are you and your child doing during Level 4 learning?
 - Are you familiar with what your child is learning at the moment on the distance learning platform?
 - Do you have questions about the particular work your child is doing? How can we help?
 - What do you feel your child needs support with?
 - How is your child coping?
 - Discussion around *The Resilience Project*, a programme we are undertaking as a whole school to support well being, and how this can take place at home in Level 4.
- Teachers may ask your child to share a piece of learning they have been working on during Distance Learning. Your child can access this and show you after the Online Learning Check-In meeting.

Book in now

To make a Learning Check-In time with your child's teacher, please click [here](#) and follow the online instructions.

Independent Learning on Thursday and Friday

Thursday and Friday are going to be long days for our teachers. To support their well-being as they conduct Learning Check-Ins at home, please note there will be no Seesaw, Zoom or online teaching sessions provided for your child on Thursday or Friday. We ask that for these two days, you access learning for your child from our School Website. <https://pinehill.school.nz/school-information/> Click on the home learning tab on the left-hand side, then click on your child's year level. Your child should also continue to access and use Reading Eggs and Athletics daily. These websites align with the New Zealand Curriculum and move with your child's progress and level.

We were granted an exemption to go onsite over the weekend with limited staff to put together learning packs for our students who are unable to do their distance learning on a device. A huge thank you to the staff who helped put the packs together and dropped these off to families. We were delighted to see some of our students from a distance (with masks and gloves on) and be able to say 'hello'. We are really missing everyone.

I was surprised at the number of families using our school playgrounds and grounds while we were onsite making the packs. A reminder that **our school grounds are closed in Level 4**. (This includes no walking through grounds, biking or playing on grounds etc). We ask everyone to please not come onto our grounds at all during this time.

A big thank you to all of you for taking the lockdown so seriously. As the Prime Minister has stated, staying at home will save lives; breaking the rules could risk someone close to you, and if the rules are not complied with, this could risk the lockdown period being extended or could risk the virus being spread to thousands. We wish everyone a fabulous Level 4 week ahead.

He waka eke noa

A canoe which we are all in with no exception

Ngā mihi nui,

Carla Veldman / Principal