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Inspiring a love of learning through an education that values the development of the whole child

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Kia ora koutou

Coronavirus - Schools are endeavouring to keep up with the latest information from the Ministry of Education to help inform our actions in relation to the Covid-19 situation and nationwide responses.

On the home front, I have asked staff to stay home if they have a cold, sore throat, are sneezing or coughing, have a fever or just feel unwell. "Soldiering on" is no longer an option. We ask parents to take the same approach regarding their children. If in doubt keep them at home.

Please inform the school if your whanau is self-isolating.

We have established extra hand washing areas in each classroom and are being vigilant about hand washing and wiping surfaces. Like most people, we are also mindful of physical contact at the moment.

Yesterday the Ministry recommended scaling down or cancelling assemblies. Therefore from next week onwards we will no longer have full school assemblies on

a Monday morning. I will visit rooms instead and we may explore some other options for communicating weekly messages effectively.

The Ministry is also exploring options in relation to *learning at home* if schools have to close. If this took place, I hope we would be given enough time to prepare and ensure children had access to online and paper based resources. We will want all of our tamariki to be engaged in meaningful activity and have ongoing communication with their kaiako.

To assist us with planning for a possible school close down, please complete the online survey being sent to you this afternoon. Our thanks go to Cardinal McKeefry School for allowing us to adapt this survey to suit our school



Te Reo Māori

Kia tere! - Quickly! Hurry up!

Kia tere kei tõnuri koe! Quickly or else you'll be late!

You can also say *kia kakama* and *kia horo* as they are two other ways of telling someone to hurry up.

Cancellations – Western Zone Football and the Yr 3-4 Futsal Tournament have been cancelled. Our school Cross Country will be moved to term 2, date to be determined later.

Yummy Fruit Stickers – Please continue to collect stickers (and cut out the labels from plastic bags) from Yummy Fruit. We get free sports gear for every sticker collected.





Taonga Horomata - For the next few weeks we are looking at the virtues needed to help us when we work and learn.

Purposefulness - Whakatara- nga He kai kei aku ringa - There is food at the end of my hands Patience – Manawaroa Patience is not simply the ability to wait - it's how we behave while we're waiting Joyce Meyer



Costs – Below is a summary of the costs required. Payments can be made direct into our school account (060561 0017355 00). We understand it is an expensive time of the year, so please feel free to make small regular payments:

- Technology for Yr 7/8 \$50.00
- School Picnic \$10.00 per child
- Taki Rua production \$4 per child
- Class Consumables \$10.00 per child
- Maths Buddy for Years 3-8 \$14.00 per child
- Educa (Montessori Strand only) \$4 per child
- Donation: Parent Donation \$250 per family
- Donation: Photocopying/printing contribution \$10 per child



Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Yr 8s	Thurs 26 Mar	

Have a great week everyone.

Ngā mihi Clifford

Extra notices that have gone home recently: Nil



April2020 Holiday Programme – Northland Kidz Club (14 – 24 April). Every day is a trip day - we'll be swimming and playing in lots of parks & play areas, ice-skating, playing laser tag and seeing ballet & kids theatre productions. Not to mention a tour

of Sky Stadium (The Cake Tin) and stopping at the Lyall Bay Beach before going to "Time Cinema" to see another different selection of early cartoons & films. \$45 per child per day (third child onwards :\$20), 8.30am to 6pm each day. For details, check out our website (<u>www.nkc.org.nz</u>), or contact Jan on cell (022-140-2612), email (nkc.jan@gmail.com).

Pride Lands Fun Holiday Adventures, Autumn Holidays At Otari School - 14th – 24th April 2020 from 7.00am-6pm daily. Interactive Activities and NO TV or Video Games, Kai Cubs Cooking and Life Skills Programme creating healthy Breakfast, Lunch and Afternoon Teas. One-on-one care and shuttle services available. Daily \$81/cub per session or \$148 for two or more siblings per session; Weekly: \$243 per cub/week or \$453 for two or more siblings/week. WINZ subsidies are available for eligible families. Please contact us: 0800 PRIDE 4 U or Register online: <u>www.pridelands.org.nz</u> or Visit our Facebook page: <u>www.Facebook.com/PrideLandsChildcare</u>

Want to find out more about scouting? Wondering about becoming a Kea (age 5-7), Cub (age 8-10) or Scout (age 11-14)? Northland Scout Group is having a sign-up and information night 6.30 pm Thursday 19 March, Northland Memorial Community Centre, 5 Woburn Road, Northland. Like to know more or get involved sooner? Check us out at <u>www.facebook.com/NorthlandScouts</u> or email <u>NorthlandScouts@qmail.com</u> for more information.

Bunnings Wellington Central Store will be holding our free **Easter Family Night** on Thursday 2nd April from 5pm – 7pm. Join us for Easter games and giveaways, face painting and Easter crafts. The Easter Bunny will be there. Prize for the best Easter costume. Light refreshments will be provided. To register email Jocelyn on <u>wellingtoncentralAO@bunnings.co.nz</u> or phone 805 0592.