

PIRINOA DISTRICT NEWSLETTER – April 2020

THANK YOU AGAIN to Gordon for delivering the District newsletter. All donations can be left at the store as usual.

PIRINOA SCHOOL:



We have decided to put out a newsletter in these unprecedented times. COVID 19 has affected everyone. From those who are over seventy to those who live in extended family situations. We as a Nation have had to get our heads around the terminology and live our lives under constant pressure of being 'in your bubble,' keeping your distance and for some living in isolation away from family and friends. My experience in this community is showing that everyone is looking after and supporting each other.

If you are concerned about someone please contact the school and we will see what we can do to help. At present we are open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday to cater for students whose parents are essential workers.

Due to us going into Level 4 our school whanau have been unable to attend school. The staff at Pirinoa has provided the tamariki with a home learning package. This package involves daily challenges, virtual learning sessions each day, when teachers and students come together to read, discuss ideas and share their thoughts. There are students who have not had access to the internet. These tamariki have been catered for as well.

The staff and the Ministry of Education have supplied these families with material that they can carry on with. We keep in contact with these families by telephone. We offer support and a friendly voice to these students most days. I think that we have catered well for our learners. We are presently at Level 3 and waiting for Government announcement about what will happen next.

Some of you may have viewed our weekly YouTube video that celebrates the learning that has been happening at home. We have produced three now. The efforts of the tamariki speak volumes.

Pirinoa School is aware of the pressure that having the children at home all day can have on some families. In our community most parents are able to work from home. This can be advantageous for most but if families are trying to share devices, attend timetabled Zoom meetings it can be chaotic in a household. I take my hat off to those who are in this situation. I applaud the parents and caregivers for their efforts at home too.

This newsletter just outlines what we are doing as a school to keep our tamariki learning. When we are able to return to our school site teachers will be working with our tamariki to lift their achievement levels further and engage in our sole purpose - LEARNING

Finally, I would like to thank the staff at Pirinoa School for their passion. This includes our teachers, support staff (T/Aide, Office Manager, groundsman, cleaner and gardener) and our Board of Trustees. COVID 19 has brought its problems but this community has shown resilience in dealing with such drastic measures to eradicate the pandemic.

If you are at the Pirinoa shop you might like to look at the poster on the noticeboard that has been produced to give information as to what is expected when we return to Level 2 and schools will be open. Things will not go back to normal. There will be routines in place around distance, hand washing and how to enter our school facilities. If you can get familiar with these and talk to your whanau about what we expect, it would be appreciated. Here is a link for you to see what our precious tamariki have been up to https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WYZCnuPcsYQ&fbclid=IwAR2AEsQwltPK74JXkVR6K8W-Kq5V4_rqOWvTkTT1ftvAUToxZU5Eie5geSA

PIRINOA PLAYGROUP:

Thank you to everyone that purchased wood raffle tickets! The raffle was won by #50 Sharon!

We were amazed with the response and managed to raise over \$500 towards a new sunshade/cover for our sandpit.

Thank you to our amazing community!



THE LAND GIRL:



Level 3 @ The Land Girl

Starting Friday 1st May until further notice

1. Fridays – The Land Girl will be open from 9 am to 11am for takeaway hot drinks, cold drinks, scones and cookies – **pay wave on collection or bank transfer. You do not need to pre order.**
2. Saturdays – The Land Girl will be open from 9am to 11am for takeaway hot drinks, cold drinks, scones and cookies – **pay wave on collection or bank transfer. You do not need to pre order.**
3. Sunday Brunches – The Land Girl will be open from 9am to 12pm for collection of your pre ordered brunches and hot and cold drinks. (These must be pre ordered and paid for before the Friday 6pm prior. A pickup time will be arranged when you order). See menu on Facebook or on the mail drop flyer
4. Monday Meals – The Land Girl will be open at 5pm for collection of pre ordered meals, desserts and drinks. (These must be pre ordered and paid for before the Saturday 6pm prior). See menu on Facebook or in the mail drop flyer.

Ordering: Text or call **0272709304** with your order (note cut off times for Sunday Brunches and Monday Meals)

Payment: Bank Transfer to **01 0671 0053955 00**. Use name as reference and text a screenshot or confirmation of payment.

For our Friday and Saturday mornings you can **pre purchase our coffee/food card** at the cost of either \$20, \$50 or \$100. We keep this at the shop and take off your purchases each week. You can transfer individual payments if you need to. You can purchase your cards now using the bank account number above. Use your name as a reference. Alternatively you can use pay wave at collection.

TRFC:



Hello to all our Players, Coaches, Management, Committee, Supporters and Sponsors. Thought it would be good timing to give an update on the season. With nothing officially decided as yet, it is looking less likely any rugby will go ahead as far as a competition goes. There has been some suggestion of having a game of touch rugby and then netball involving everyone, perhaps every 2nd weekend. The netball girls probably won't keep up, but who knows! This obviously will only happen when allowed, so not during

restrictions, but something to think about now.

Badminton will be making a comeback this winter, so keep an eye out for that - again once restrictions lower.

Hopefully everyone has been keeping physically and mentally fit over the last 5 weeks, it's amazing what a couple of stretches, sit-ups, push-ups can do to keep the body and brain functioning well. If you've been a bit slack over the last few weeks now might be a good time to start something to suit your lifestyle (Ken Aburn would be happy to share his routine with anyone interested).

If you happen to be feeling a bit second hand remember there's a mate only a phone call away. While we can't physically catch up with too many people at the moment you can always have a catch-up on the blower. Likewise if you think someone might be struggling, give them a call. It might just make their day. I know the club is highly excited to get to use the newly installed gas showers at the clubrooms and I am sure our Shower Club President Kurt Portas has plenty of activities organised once the dust has settled. Until then, keep an eye out for each other and an ear out for when the touch/ netball possibly starts up.

Kia Whaka Mana


PALLISER RIDGE

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- Email office@pirinoa.school.nz

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