PIRINOA DISTRICT NEWSLETTER – May 2020

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

PIRINOA SCHOOL:

Kia ora everyone,

It is so nice to be back at school and returning to our teaching programmes. The staff are happy to see our tamariki back and enjoying the company of their friends in the classroom and in the playaround.

At this time of the year there are many comings and goings around gypsy day. We have had to say goodbye to those who are moving onto another farm in another district but we also welcome a family to the Pirinoa area. This helps to keep the roll numbers steady and helps the school to maintain the staffing it has.

During COVID 19 many social gatherings involving sport were cancelled and it great to see the netball teams starting to practise and getting ready to take on other teams in the district.

We have been restricted this term with regard to participating in sport events. We would usually have a cross country event with Kahutara School but this year it has been cancelled. Pirinoa school staff has decided to run their own cross country. This will take place on Wednesday 10th June at 11.00 am on the school grounds and a neighbouring farm. Thank you to the Didsbury family for allowing us access to the track. We would love to see the community support this event.

I will leave at the end of Term 2. I will be off to Taranaki to take up a position of Acting principal at Avon school in Stratford. The school is similar in size to Pirinoa. It has been a pleasure to work and live in this area. I have learnt so much about the history of the area and met so many who were educated here at Pirinoa. These people have had some stories to tell me.

The Pirinoa BOT have appointed Gene Moore as principal. Gene wrote about himself and gave some background as to his experience. It is an exciting time for Pirinoa School. Here is what he wrote.

Kia Ora Pirinoa thank you for this fantastic opportunity to be a part of your school and community!

Just a bit of introductory information about myself. My name is Eugene Moore, I am 46 vears of age and was born and raised in rural Upper Hutt. My wife Yelshea and I have lived in the Wairarapa since 2011, in the small farming community of Wainuioru. Between us we have five children, three of which are now adults and living independently.

I started my working life as an apprentice barber in Wellington and after eight years of cutting hair, decided I would give teaching a go. I completed my training through Wellington College of Education and Victoria University in 1999. I took up my first teaching position in January 2000 at an intermediate school of 700 students in Upper Hutt, before moving to Nelson to an area school which caters for students in Years 1-13. I returned to my original childhood primary school in Mangaroa, Upper Hutt as Deputy Principal for three years before taking a break from teaching to join the New Zealand Police. I served for nine years in the Wairarapa as a Constable and a member of the Search and Rescue Squad. I resumed my teaching career at the start of 2018 at

Masterton Intermediate School and have been at Gladstone School since the beginning of 2020 in the Junior Hub teaching years 1-3.

I am an active member of the Wairarapa Search and Rescue organisation and have served on several volunteer Fire Brigades in the various communities where I have lived. In my spare time I enjoy getting into the bush, running, fishing and now that my playing days are behind me, watching and coaching rugby. I have an interest in classic American cars, movies and music.

I am a big believer in community spirit and have always actively sought to be a part of community based projects and events that benefit local people. As we have seen over these last seven weeks, there is so much power and support when we all pull together. This affirms for us that when times are difficult, we don't just respond, we naturally come together and draw strength from one another. I am really excited about the journey ahead. Shortly, my family and I will be moving into the area, and in doing this I want to demonstrate to the community that I am invested in the future of Pirinoa School and the community and I thank you again for this amazing opportunity to work with you all.

I look forward to meeting you all when we resume our new 'normal'

Until then, remain strong, remain committed.

Kia Kaha.

Ko koe ki tēnā, ko ahau ki tēnei kiwai o te kete You take that handle of the kete and I'll take this one.

Gene Moore





Pirinoa School Year 8's who are completing the William Pike Challenge and are on the lookout for community service activities. Let Jess at the school office know.

PIRINOA PLAYGROUP:

Pirinoa Playgroup has decided to stay closed for a little bit longer, but we are looking forward too getting back into the swing of things soon. We miss all our playgroup faces, and are looking forward to meeting the new faces that are eagerly waiting for us to open up.

We hope you've all kept safe and well.

TUHIRANGI NETBALL:

Netball is Back for 2020!

<u>Seniors</u> are training 7pm Tuesdays at Pirinoa School and are still on track to enter two teams in the competition which will run from the 25th July to the 26th September. You are welcome to join a team or come to trainings for a bit of fitness.

<u>Juniors</u> start training in June with games on Saturday mornings at Kuranui College from 25th July to 19th September.

PINECONES FOR SALE:

Pinecones for sale \$5 per bag text 0274129299, can be delivered for free.

NEED A GARDENER OR GROUNDS MAINTENANCE PERSON:

Weeding, weed eating, hedge trimming, trimming branches of small to medium sized trees, spraying and much more. I have my own weed eater, hedge trimmer, chainsaw, pole saw and sprayer and assorted gardening gear. Will mow lawns if required. My rates are very competitive. If interested, please contact Julie on 027 2318131. THE LAND GIRL:

A huge thank you to our local community for your ongoing support through Level 3 and now level 2. Our homemade 'Monday Meals' and pre-ordered 'Sunday Brunches' were a big hit.

The reality is that we could not have survived as a business through autumn without you and we really appreciate this. As you know we normally close for a period over winter and at this stage we are not sure whether we will be doing this. For now, we are open until the end of June and we will be reviewing this shortly. Here are our hours for the rest of this month:

Thursday 8.30 to 2.30 Friday 8.30 to 2.30 Saturday 9.00 to 3.00 Sunday 9.00 to 3.00 Monday 9.00 to 2.30



Our "Monday Meals" will now be available for collection every day that we are open, as

frozen meals. We will be adding to the range, so watch out for this menu. These are great when you are short of time or as an edible gift for family or friends. They are packed with quality and tasty ingredients! We also offer bulk orders of our scones that can be collected on the days we are open - Text us the day before and grab yourself 1/2 dozen or dozen fresh scones for your morning teas! Flavours available are cheese, cheese and spinach, date, passionfruit and mango, \$27 for 1/2 dozen \$50 for a dozen.

If you have any suggestions on what we can provide for you that will help you and help us continue to provide this service, please give us a call or a text on the number below. If you don't keep up to date with our Facebook and Instagram posts and would prefer to be added to our email list, please text your name and email address to us, here is our number 0272709304.

<u>School Lunches</u> are back on the menu and available Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays (text your order in before 9am on the day)

Full Feed = Morning tea of a piece of fruit and a slice/lunch of a toasted sandwich and hot chocolate \$10 Half Feed= lunch of a toasted sandwich and a hot chocolate \$7.50

Bank transfers to 01 0671 0053955 00 or cash with your child

This will be delivered to the school.

Thanks!!

The Land Girl Staff.

NEXT NEWSLETTER:

Please note: If you wish to place something in the June 2020 newsletter please:

• Email office@pirinoa.school.nz

