

Thursday May 21 2020

Kia ora koutou katoa

It has been so wonderful to be back at school with all our students this week! Seeing and hearing happy children has been such a joy. I'm loving the sound of children playing and laughing at break times.

Thank you so much for your support and understanding around our Level 2 measures. For some it will have been a challenge/disappointment to not be able walk your children in, to use a different gate and to not have the access to the classrooms we are used to. **Thank you** for bearing with us. The orderly way drop off and pick up times have flowed this week has been a huge relief! The children have been amazing! I've been blown away by their ability to cope - some of our children who only started on Monday of this week were saying goodbye to their parents at the front gate this morning and happily and confidently walked to class with their teachers. So brave! The children have been great at adapting to new routines and developing some good new habits (have we ever had such clean hands before?) **Thank you** for reinforcing these messages and habits at home.

We are focusing on settling back into school, reconnecting with friends and teachers and celebrating the learning we have been doing whilst in Levels 4 and 3, and of course on learning those new routines around washing our hands. Our focus on wellbeing is vital at this time after being away from school for several weeks, experiencing lock down, and living in a world where messages around alert levels, isolation, social distancing, numbers of infections and deaths are all around us.

I want to once again **thank you** all for your support over the lock down period; it was not always easy supporting your child's learning during this time, especially if you were working from home or had other pressures on you. We loved seeing all the engagement with the learning the teachers had set and even better the sharing of the learning you did with your child, sharing your skills, passions and knowledge. Learning is so much wider than academic subjects and this was definitely an opportunity to seek and celebrate all sorts of learning.

A reminder around keeping your child at home if they are unwell. Please continue to keep your child at home if they are unwell in any way even if it's 'just' a runny nose. If they have any symptom of COVID19 please seek medical advice and get tested. Official health advice is that people are to remain home/isolated even after a negative COVID test until they no longer have any symptoms.

Again, on behalf of all the staff at Reremoana, **thank you** for being an amazing community throughout this whole process.

Julie Cowan

Principal

Learn Grow Succeed



“Term 2”

The second school term has indeed been an interesting, and somewhat confusing term when it comes to when it started and when it will finish!

Officially, Term 2 began on Wednesday April 15, as the first school holidays were brought forward 2 weeks. The end date remains the same - Friday July 3.

Schools plan their terms in 'weeks,' with Terms 2 and 3 usually being 10 week terms.

Because of the changes, Term 2 this year is a 12 week term. Currently we are in “Week 6” of that 12 week term.

A reminder that the Teacher Only Day planned for June 2 - the Tuesday following Queen's birthday Weekend - is going ahead as planned. We have worked with Ultimate Kidz, our After School Care providers, to provide care for those families who need it. Information on costs and how to enrol is on the [last page](#) of this newsletter.

Term 2 - Wednesday 15 April - Friday 3 July

Term 3 - Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September

Term 4 - Monday 12 October - Wednesday 16 December

Our remaining Teacher Only Days in 2020 are:

- Tuesday 2nd June (following Queen's Birthday)
- Monday 17th August

Drop offs and pick ups

As mentioned previously, we have been really pleased with how drop offs and pick ups have been flowing this week.

We have been super lucky with the weather, and it has been great to see so many families walking to school. There is some rain on the horizon next week, so please do pack your child a raincoat and feel free to send them in gumboots with shoes in their bag if they need to make a quick run across the field to enter/exit via Belfry/Turnberry.

A reminder for those using the Scotsmoor gate, now and in the future:

- There is **no parking or stopping** on the school side of Scotsmoor Dr - there are yellow lines all down this street to the end of our drop zone. It may be easier to enter via the Hadley Wood end, as there are places to stop on the opposite side,
- There is parking available on the other side of Scotsmoor Dr, and down Creda and Kirkaldy Places. Children can then use the crossing to cross the road and enter the school safely.
- **Please don't stop or park in the bus stop.** Not only is this illegal, it compromises the view of the children on road patrol.

School Donations

At Reremoana School we are heavily reliant on school donations in order to provide all the opportunities for the students that we would wish to. As we are a Decile 9 school we receive lower funding from the Government than schools of lower deciles. We are also not eligible (as a Decile 9) to opt into the Government's 'donations' scheme where schools get \$150 per child instead of asking for a donation.

We have extended the date for discount/early bird payments until 3rd July. All families who have paid their donation will go into the draw for a family voucher.

We acknowledge that the circumstances of some of our families may have changed due to Covid 19 and some homes are under financial pressure. We appreciate, are grateful for and will accept ANY donation. If it's possible for your family the suggested amounts are:

- One Child **\$200** or if paid in full before 3rd July **\$175**
- Two Children **\$350** or if paid in full before 3rd July **\$325**
- Three or more Children **\$525** or if paid in full before 3rd July **\$450**

However, once again, we are grateful for whatever amount is possible for your family.

Payment of your donation can be made through the Kindo (Online Shop - access through the school website) or you can pay by cash/efpos or internet banking. You may wish to pay by way of weekly, fortnightly or monthly payments.

You will be receiving a separate letter with additional informations around school donations from the Board of Trustees.

A vertical poster for Kereru Cafe. At the top is a small icon of a coffee cup. Below it, the text 'KERERU CAFE' is written in a large, elegant, cursive font. Underneath that, 'SINCE 2020' is written in a smaller, simple font. A dashed line separates this from the main announcement: 'WE'RE BACK!!!' in a bold, sans-serif font, followed by 'HOT DRINKS AVAILABLE' in the same bold font. Below this is a list of bullet points in a small, all-caps, sans-serif font. Another dashed line separates this from the location: 'REREMOANA SCHOOL HALL' in a bold, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the operating hours are listed: 'EVERY MORNING: 8:20AM - 9:00AM' and 'MON, WED, THURS: 2:45PM - 3.15PM'. The right side of the poster features a vertical strip of coffee beans. A small grey rectangular sticker is attached to the top edge of the poster.



**KERERU
CAFE**

SINCE 2020

**WE'RE BACK!!!
HOT DRINKS AVAILABLE**

- WE ARE ABLE TO OPERATE AGAIN AT LEVEL 2 WITH A FEW SLIGHT CHANGES TO OUR HEALTH AND SAFETY PROCEDURES
- INCREASED HAND WASHING, USE OF HAND SANITISER AND GLOVES WILL NOW BECOME PART OF OUR DAILY ROUTINE
- IN ORDER TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF CASH COMING THROUGH THE CAFE WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND YOU BUY A "KERERU CAFE COFFEE CARD"
- HOT CHOCOLATE CARDS ARE \$20 FOR 10 AND CAN BE PURCHASED VIA KINDO
- WE CAN NAME THESE AND KEEP THEM IN THE CAFE TO REDUCE THE RISK OF IT BEING LOST!

REREMOANA SCHOOL HALL

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Teacher Only Day

Tuesday 2nd June 2020

**Ultimate Kidz will be providing care from
7am – 6.00pm**

Venue: Reremoana School Hall

**Join us for a day full of fun games, baking
and crafts!**

**Teacher only day fee 8.30am– 3.00pm:
\$38.00**

**Before and After School Care available,
extra fees apply**

**If you are requiring care or for further
information**

**Please phone/txt Lisa 021916677 or email
chatz@ps.gen.nz**

Limited spaces will be available

**Confirmation please by Monday 25th May
No bookings will be on taken on the day**