

Term 1, Week 8

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# SCHOOL Newsletter

NEW PLYMOUTH ADVENTIST CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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*"If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also. John 14:3*

## PRAYER CORNER



### Prayer families:

Week 9: Declan, Shon

Week 10: K, J & P Williams family, Dante

Week 11: Leonardo, Kirton family, Calkin family, Hazel

## 2020 Information

### Dates for 2020

Term 1 ends: 9 April

Term 2: 27 April – 3 July

Term 3: 20 July – 25 Sep

Term 4: 12 Oct – 14 Dec

**15 December (Teacher only Day)**

### School times

8:45am – 2:45pm

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora NPACS whanau,

The coronavirus pandemic is disrupting the equilibrium for business, enterprise, travel, and everyday activity as well as causing unprecedented fear in many people. Jesus, however, continues to sustain and give us God's assurance through every circumstance we face and we can rely on him even when such unknown and often unnerving situations threaten us.

In Will Thompson's words "Jesus is all the world to me, I want no better friend; I trust him now, I'll trust him when life's fleeting days shall end... He's my friend." "Christ gives me the strength to face anything." (Philippians 4:13 CEV)

We have regular news updates about coronavirus and I would like to share the following information from the Ministry of Health.

### Reminder – schools remain open

At this stage, we are not expecting widespread school closures. We are planning for temporary closures, like what is happening at Logan Park School but as the World Health Organisation has confirmed, the risk to children remains low and parents should continue to send their kids to schools and early learning centres.

Consequently any decisions about school closures will be made on a case by case basis. In the meantime, unless students are unwell themselves, then parents should keep sending them to schools and early learning centres as these environments continue to be safe and the best place for them to continue their learning.

### Talking to children and young people about COVID-19

Given the rise in the number of reported cases, there may be children or young people in your life who experience distress. As a trusted adult, you can help reassure and educate them about COVID-19 – it can be good to talk to them now, so they can understand the illness and be reassured.

[A useful resource for parents, caregivers, whānau and teachers talking about the virus with children and young people can be found here](#)

This can also be downloaded as an [information sheet](#).

### Up-to-date information and advice

A reminder that information and advice for students, whānau and the education sector is [available here](#)

While the website is being regularly updated with education-related content, the [Ministry of Health is the Government agency leading the response to COVID-19](#)

**In the meantime the following will continue:**

**Awareness – know the symptoms and where to get good information**

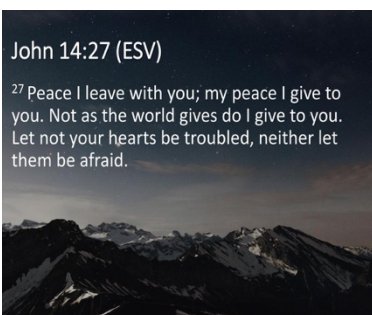
**Vigilance - stay away if you are ill**

**Good hygiene – hand washing and drying, good cough and sneeze etiquette will prevent spread of a range of ills as we move into cold and flu season**

Stay safe and have a blessed week,  
Renee Timmins  
Principal

John 14:27 (ESV)

<sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.



## IMPORTANT DATES

Assembly at SDA Church Hall	Every Monday, 2pm	Life Education visit	3rd April
Swimming Lessons	<b>Cancelled</b>	End of Term	Thursday 9th April
School lunches	<b>Week 8: Dominos Week 10: Subway</b>	ANZAC DAY 'Mondayised'	27th April – <b>School closed</b>
Weet-Bix Tryathlon	25 <sup>th</sup> March - <b>Cancelled</b>		

### School camps

LAC mega chapel and camp is postponed at this time due to Covid-19.

**There will be no shared fruit break until further notice.**

### SCHOOL SPORTING EVENTS

Due to government restrictions surrounding the **COVID – 19** Virus all sporting events will be **cancelled until further notice.**

**This includes swimming lessons.**

### School Lunches

Now every **second Friday**

Order forms are available at the office.

Payment for lunch orders is **correct cash only!**

**NO CHANGE WILL BE GIVEN**

There is a locked box outside the office attached to the wall. Lunch orders placed in an envelope with a named order form and correct change can be placed into this box if the office is unattended.

**Week 8: Dominos**

**Week 10: Subway**

**Orders need to be in by Friday morning of each week with the correct cash.**

**We are offering lunch orders fortnightly for Term 1**

## Important Reminders

- Children need to be in class before school starts at 8.45am**
- If your child/ren is late to school (school starts at 8:45am) please sign them in at the office.**
- Weetbix TRYathlon – Cancelled**  
Check out our [School Website](http://www.npacs.school.nz) to see upcoming events and our latest Newsletter! [www.npacs.school.nz](http://www.npacs.school.nz)
- School policies and procedures** can be viewed on our school website: [www.npacs.school.nz](http://www.npacs.school.nz)  
**We have reviewed our Administration of Medication Procedure and if your child requires medication at school, parents need to follow this procedure. It is at the office or on our website. If your child requires an inhaler, this needs to be provided from home and you need to complete the school Medication form when you give the inhaler to school.**
- Reading Support:** We are looking for parents who would like to come and read with our children for reading support during our morning program. If this sounds like you, please come and see Natasha at the school office.
- PUKEARIKI MOBILE LIBRARY:** There are some students who still have overdue library books out. The mobile library would like to remind all to please return any **overdue books**. If there are any issues please text **Walt: 027 4401 112** Mobile Library next visit: Mar 31<sup>st</sup>
- Second-hand Uniforms:** We have a second-hand uniform cupboard at school. If your child has grown out of their school uniform, you can donate or sell them to school. Please see the office for more details.
- \*BUS SERVICE:** Our school bus service will end at the end of term 1.





## From The Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon team:



As a result of updated guidelines relating to Mass Gatherings provided by the Government and the Ministry of Health, as well as our own assessment of the risks to the community we have made the decision to **cancel** the New Plymouth Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon.

Unfortunately, the events cannot be rescheduled. All participants will receive a full refund. Details will be sent to your email and posted on the Facebook event page within the next 24 hours.

We are very disappointed at not being able to hold the event but the health of the community is our first priority and we need to follow the advice of health experts.

Thank you for your understanding.

# Thanks for your support at our school Duathlon. What a fabulous event. Well done everyone for participating and having a great day!



Keeping connected:

