

25 August 2020

Kia Ora Ponsonby Whanau,

It looks like we have made it through Lockdown... maybe... almost!

I know that this week may drag for many of you, however the good news is we are all back at school on Monday. Ponsonby will be ready with safety plans and Alert Level 2 procedures. We have done it before and we will be ready again. Students will remember the rules:

- Stay away if sick
- Good hand hygiene and cough and sneeze etiquette
- Physical distancing from others
- Cleaning and disinfecting high touch surfaces regularly

This time around there have been many messages about face coverings. The Ministry of Education assures us that your child does not need to wear a face covering while at school. We will of course support them should they choose to do so.

Face coverings will be mandatory when using public transport. We are waiting on confirmation on an age limit and will update you when details are confirmed.

Our intention is to continue with school camps, we feel camps are an important part of the Ponsonby Experience and are often a highlight for students. Please signal your support and commitment by making payment. All payments will be fully refunded if camps do not proceed.

Use the link below to pay camp fees, reference Camp Fees 2020 and students name.

https://www.ponsonbyintermediate.school.nz/online-payment/

In the morning zoom meetings our teaching team will continue encouraging students to engage in the Remote Learning Package and on Friday there will be another Assembly/PPTV. However, it is important that after the Friday morning meeting that teachers "switch off" their efforts running Remote Learning in preparation for Monday. Thank you in advance for your understanding on this.

Kind regards,

Nick Wilson Principal