

The KPS Weekly

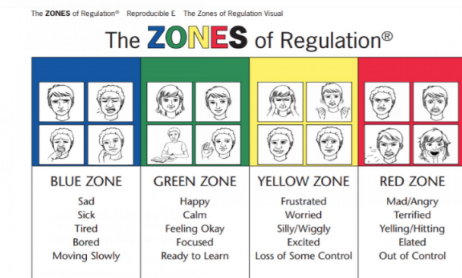
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Tēnā koutou katoa

Welcome to Week 7 of Term 2. It has continued to be a positive start with everyone really enjoying being back at school. We have used the break as an opportunity to reset and our students are benefiting from that. School-wide work using The Zones of Regulation will be continuing through the year. The lessons and learning activities are designed to help our students recognise which zone they are in and to learn strategies to help them stay in 'The Green Zone'. I've attached a pdf for you to read; please ask the children about what 'The Zones' mean to them.



Dates

June
5 Year 8 Immunisations

July
3 Last day of term

2020 Terms

Term 2 last day 3 July
Term 3 20 July to 25 Sept
Term 4 12 Oct to 15 Dec

Junior Learning Spaces

We have made some significant changes to the way we are teaching in Pīwakawaka and Tūī. You will notice a lot of learning through experiences and using equipment to teach our youngest students. We have already seen a greater level of participation and will be using this as a tool to build oral language. Jillian and Carla will be sharing more information with you this term and we are hoping to invite you down to experience what learning looks like in our junior spaces once we move down the alert levels.



Update on COVID-19

It is really good to see that numbers for COVID-19 in New Zealand continue to stay small. I've been very impressed with our students and how they have got back into school life and also with the way you are all continuing to follow our Alert Level 2 procedures. It's really important children do return to school, not just for their education but also their health and wellbeing. Thank you for your trust in us and bringing students back. Instances of Covid-19 continue to remain very low and here in Wellington Region we have 0 cases, with the last case reported on 16 April. Even though there is such a low risk of the virus getting in the school gates to start with, we will be keeping up our hygiene practices and other public health measures as an extra precaution for as long as we're at Alert Level 2

School Vision

I want to give you an update on where we are at with our vision work. We have collected a lot of information from tamariki, whānau and teachers and have been able to start synthesising this. We aim to have a draft vision document to share with you in early Term 3 and start building our new vision into our classrooms from there. Thank you for your thinking around what will allow our tamariki to thrive and I'm very excited about where this can take our school. Watch this space!

Earthquake

After the rather large earthquake on Monday morning and the aftershocks that we have been feeling, I want to reassure you that we have robust procedures in place at Kapiti Primary School. Rachell and I started reviewing our emergency procedures in Term One and we continue to practise emergency drills termly. Many of our students who felt the aftershock yesterday were able to **drop, cover and hold**, which was great to see.

Queens Birthday Weekend

This coming Monday is a public holiday due to Queens Birthday weekend. We will see you all back on Tuesday.

Whānau Wellbeing Hub

Remember Jo is on-site to support you on Monday mornings for the rest of the term between 9-10:30. You can make an appointment to see her or just pop over to our old dental room, just behind the administration block: whanauwellbeing@kapiti.school.nz

Have a lovely long weekend everyone.

**Nga mihi nui,
Brent McDowell
Principal**