

Wednesday 13 May 2020

Kia ora, hello, namaste, ni hao, chum reap suor, wai



Our planning and preparation for the return of our students is progressing well and we are very excited to have our students returning to school on Monday.

We have lots of information arriving each day from the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health that we are basing our plans around. The goal is to provide as safe a return for our students and staff as we can.

The Ministry of Health requires us to have contact tracing in place for every adult that sets foot in our grounds. As you can imagine, with lots of families and eight entrances to the school this is going to be very challenging. As such, we are requiring all adults entering the school grounds to use the main gate so that information can be gathered for our contact tracing register. We strongly encourage you to drop your child off and arrange a pick up point that is offsite. Students can continue to use any of the gates. We will have staff at each gate for the first few days to welcome back students and remind parents to go to the main gate but we will need your help so we can fulfil our commitments.

With the return of the students, we will need the devices that were sent home to be returned as well. Students can take the device and power cable to their classroom when they return. We will check them off, get them cleaned and return them to their classrooms so they can be used again.

Other important information:

- Buses will be running from Monday again as usual
- The Tuckshop will be open from Monday
- Kelly Club will be operating from Monday onwards
- Students will need to bring drink bottles of water each day
- Students can arrive from 8:30am onwards and go directly to their classrooms
- Students will need to be offsite as soon as possible after 3:00pm
- Our school office will remain closed but is contactable via phone or email:
Ph: 755 0838 or 027 310 9038
kim.thomas@bellblock.school.nz or office@bellblock.school.nz
- There will be no distance learning programmes on Friday to allow staff time to prepare for next week
- Further information about distance learning packs will be available next week.

Thank you for all your support during this time. We can't wait to see all our students again on Monday.

Conrad Hailes
Principal