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President's Message



Kia ora e te whānau

I want to raise with you an issue of critical importance - an URGENT priority.

You!

Yes, you!

On the cusp of the decision to move to level 2 and after weeks of working at a crescendo pace you have a small window to take a moment.

Should the Prime Minister and Director General of Health signal a move to level 2 on Monday 11 May, then we have no more important job than ensuring it is crystal clear that school is open and that all students are invited to return.

We have a job to assuage fear and build confidence. Public health advice will be unequivocal - it will be safe to restart schooling for everyone.

We accept the public health advice and we will be working to support it.

The challenges that lie ahead of us belong to NEXT week.

And that leaves, YOU.

This weekend you are required to:

- cease all work - zip, zilch, nada, nought, nil
- stay away from your email
- binge watch a great Netflix series
- order your favourite takeaway
- sleep in past lunchtime (go on, I dare you)
- reread that book that made your heart sing
- dip your toes in a lake or the ocean
- put yourself first

You have been working at pace and under high stress for an extended period.

You have been professional, brave, and ethical in your leadership.

There is nothing that needs doing that cannot wait until Monday. The starter gun cracks on the weekend, late this afternoon, and the finishing flag is your arrival at work on Monday morning.

This weekend is for you! A welcome oasis and a celebration of Mothers to boot!

Clear your mind from the noise and breathe.

You deserve it!

Ngā manaakitanga

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Nominations for NZPF Election 2020

Nominations are now open for NZPF President and Vice President for 2021.

Click [here](#) to download a nomination form.

Nominations close on 5 August and the electoral roll closes on 25 August. Your subscription payment must be received by this date in order to be eligible for voting.



NZ Principal Magazine also Online

You and/or your team members can easily access the NZ Principal Magazines online, as an e-magazine or as a PDF. Additionally you can search for a previous issue, an article by title or by the author of the article. All magazines back to Term 1 2012 are available in this format. To view or search click [here](#).

Useful Information



OfficeMax helps schools reintegrate students after the COVID-19 Lockdown

As you prepare to open up your schools to all students under Alert level 2, Office Max, a NZPF business partner, has announced a new grant to help you reintegrate your tamariki.

It is a generous offer of funds to help you with additional unbudgeted expenses such as meeting new health and safety requirements and supporting or restoring the health and wellbeing of your returning staff and tamariki.

Click [here](#) to read their media release about this fund.



EDUCATING TO PREVENT CHILD ABUSE

Returning to the classroom

Increased risk of Child Protection issues

Among the many challenges that remote learning has created for teachers, is the difficulty of being able to check on the wellbeing of their students. These times of increased stress increases the risk of Family Harm incidents occurring. Child Matters team have developed resources to support teachers to know what to be aware of as they and their students return to the classroom. Please click [here](#)

Self-Care for Teachers

It is important that teachers are supported as they navigate this new teaching environment and the extra pressures it brings. Child Matters have developed free resources to support teachers to be aware of the need for self-care, and how to be aware of professional dangerousness. More information may be found [here](#)

Other Support Available

The team at Child Matters are working hard to continue to offer schools services as they face these new challenges. Free support on offer includes:

- **Free Consultation Service** – We will continue to offer a full consultation service free of charge and you can access this by contacting our National Services Manager Megan West on [022 547 7505](tel:0225477505)
- **Resources** available - We know the need for at risk children is increased during this time, so we are working daily to develop resources that are relevant to this new work environment. Please click [here](#)
- **Continuing Education** – On-line options for Child Protection training will be available shortly.

Please keep an eye out on our Facebook Page for regular updates on all of the above.

Business Partners

NZPF assures its business partners that, as members, you will contact them to have a conversation if you are purchasing products, services or solutions for your schools that a business partner supplies. Please support our partners as their assistance to NZPF means better membership services to you.

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