

# Westport South School

## Newsletter

Week 5 Term 2  
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As at the 8 May 2020 there are zero COVID19 cases in the Buller and indeed the whole West Coast for over 3 weeks, down from a peak of 5. There is no evidence of community transmission. As a region we are in a really good position with little regional movement and having been in quarantine for six weeks. The Government has indicated that we are going to move shortly into Level 2. The MOE and MOH have provided clear guidelines to assist schools in re-opening safely for all staff and students. **But understand that Level 2 is not business as usual.** Distance learning will continue to be available to those who choose to remain at home. This will be in hard pack form.

It is safe for all students and staff to return to school in Alert level 2. Schools are safe because hygiene habits will be strong, and schools will put into place safe and sensible practice.

**General** - No one to be at school till 8.30am. Contact your class teacher if this will be a problem.

- For as many as possible drop your child at the gate and don't enter the property. If you do enter you must write in the tracing book in the classrooms. Any person who is unwell should not enter the school site. Remember social distancing if you are waiting for your child.
- Hygiene routines are a priority:
  - \* hand sanitise on entry to and exit from each teaching space.
  - \* wash hands with soap and dry hands before leaving bathrooms.
  - \* contactless greetings.
  - \* sneeze into elbow.
  - \* maintain as much physical distance as is practical, including all school spaces.
  - \* **water fountains are not to be used.** Make sure you send water in a bottle to school each day.
  - \* no sharing of bottles or other touch items which go close to the mouth/nose eg phones.
- Students will be in uniform. Normal processes will apply for management of uniform.
- Whole school assemblies will not be held at present.
- Breakfast Club is postponed.
- No lunch orders during Level 2 - Arkwrights, Subway, Sausage Sizzle, Michell Rodley packs.
- Children can bring their own **named** sports equipment to school.

**Office:** ONLY VISIT IF YOU CANNOT PHONE OR TEXT

- Sign-in for visitors at the main office with hand sanitiser and wipes available.
- Encourage visitors to use their own pen where possible
- Please keep social distancing.

**Buses:**

- No-one allowed on buses who is not on school lists.

Remember children have been at home for 8 weeks. They are not used to the routine and structure of school. They will be tired by the end of the day. Start keeping bed times and get up calls now, as you will need these routines when we are back at school.

Thank you for all the work you have done and for helping us negotiate the next phase back to normality.

Jo Duston

Where seagulls screech for food.  
 Where waves of clear water crash to the shore, and  
 sunset disappears.  
 Where Rimu, Nikau Palms and Matai stand tall and  
 proud over head.  
 Where waterfalls flow down steep limestone.  
 Where pancakes are towered and hollowed out by the  
 ocean.  
 Where seaweed clings on for dear life.  
 Where mozzies attack tourists photographing the  
 surroundings.  
 Where opossums lurk in the shadows of your tent as  
 night falls.  
 Where cave spiders and weta's crall on the dripping cave  
 top.  
 Where tourists explore the nesting ground of Little  
 Blue Penguins.  
 Punakaiki!



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## Blue Penguin Facts

Blue penguins nest in small crevices  
 And feed on squid, crustaceans, and krill.  
 Little Blue Penguins lose 40% of their body mass during moulting.



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## Important Websites

Here's some other good sites if you want to check out some more facts about the Little Blue Penguins.

[Little penguin/korora: Little blue penguin: New Zealand native...](http://littlepenguin/korora: Little blue penguin: New Zealand native...)  
[www.doc.govt.nz/native-animals/birds/birds-a-z](http://www.doc.govt.nz/native-animals/birds/birds-a-z)



[Little Blue Penguin - Penguin Facts and Information](http://Little Blue Penguin - Penguin Facts and Information)  
[www.penguins-world.com/little-blue-penguin](http://www.penguins-world.com/little-blue-penguin)

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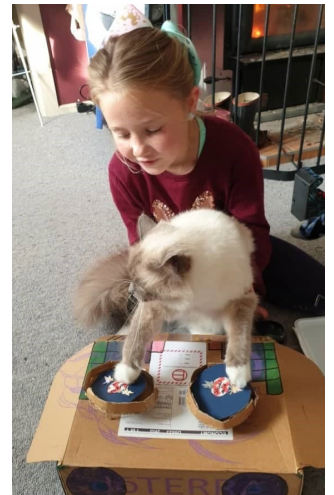
## The CHEEKY Little BLUE Penguin



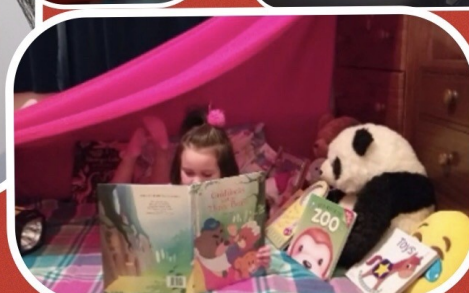
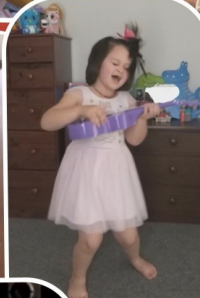


# Room 12

Reid Jones making pizza for his family for lunch.  
Aiyana Tantallon's cool craft work.  
Nick Anderson making tie dyed clothing at home with Mum.  
Taylor Hateley makes a DJ station for her cat Cloud!  
Holly Freeman ANZAC poppies and baking.



**Room 5  
Distance  
Learning**





## Principal Awards:

Ian Kinniburgh: A super effort to complete online learning tasks. Ka pai!

Birch Hayman: Your commitment to online learning tasks. Amazing!

Maia Samuels: A great effort to complete online learning tasks. Ka rawe !

Holly Freeman: For displaying initiative to complete online activities during Lock Down as well as being very creative at home.

Eli Holder: Full participation and dedication to Room 5 Distance Learning challenges.

Emily Ponder: Working well in the online classroom.

Kaleb Elliott: For working so independently on his online learning in the Pod.

Hazyn Martini: For his contributions to online class meetings while in the Pod.

Holly Cunneen: For your willingness to support others and offer to help! This is greatly appreciated. You are a super citizen of our online classroom.

Finn Lemass: For making positive contributions to our online classroom! Your work is well thought out, produced to a high quality, and handed in punctually!

Alantis James: For positive engagement and contributions in the online classroom! Thanks for your quality work ethic and positivity!

Harry Collins: For positive engagement and contributions in the online classroom.

Aliana Russ: For your contribution during online chats and your conscientious approach to completing classroom tasks to a high standard.

Toroa Charteris: For responding positively to feedback and using this to make changes and improvements to your work.

Katie Bill : For her excellent attitude towards work in Lock down.



## Welcome To: Jordan Buchan, Alex and Harry Marshall

Dear Rooms 1 and 4

Thank you for your kind letters about The News being online free during lockdown. Your letters made all the 18 people who work here feel great.

We stopped printing a newspaper during lockdown because we wanted to keep our team and customers safe. We decided to make the newspaper free online so everyone could stay informed. We're thrilled to hear so many of you read it.

The News is about where you live and the people you know – it's your newspaper. It's been going since 1871 and will keep going only if you and your families keep supporting it.

Please keep reading (and let us know what's happening with you – we love photos too)!

Thanks again for giving us all a boost.

Lee and Kevin Scanlon

Co-owners

The News

