

## "Home of the Thunderbirds"

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends,

On this very last day of school for 2020, I want to acknowledge and celebrate how much our community has accomplished together. To be perfectly honest, when I walked into the building this morning my eyes filled with tears of pride thinking about how we have all kept each other safe. We have successfully reached out to each other in support and kindness while still keeping our safe social distance.

Nothing about this school year has been easy. I still can't believe that we are in a global pandemic. You, dear community members, have made it bearable.

Thank you for trusting our Carisbrooke School team with your beautiful and brilliant children. Thank you for being their first 'how to pandemic' teachers so that they were able to adjust to the new normal of school so seamlessly. Thank you for checking on us and asking how we are doing. Thank you.

Please rest and be safe these next two weeks. We all need to take the time to regenerate and bask in the love of our families, whether it is in person or remotely. Get those kid snuggles in and treat yourselves to your favourite things! Let it all go.

I am looking forward to seeing you in the New Year!

With warm wishes and smiles,

Lisa Upton

Principal, Carisbrooke