



27,3,2020. (Friday). Actually writing this journal on day 2 of our 4 week alert level 4 in Nelson, NZ.

Today's daily update listed over 380 positive cases of the virus with 2 in acute care. One case is at Nelson Hospital, a woman in her 80's with pre-existing medical issues and she has been intubated.

The boys finished their week of online homework/learning and they have moved up the fall holiday to Monday March 30th to give teachers time for the next term. Teachers at Nelson Boys College were taken off guard at the quickness we were sent to alert level 4.

This morning a lovely neighbour texted she had made fresh muffins and scones and dropped them off at our mailbox. I called the kids up for breakfast. Hubby thoughtfully looked at me and said..."Isn't that against the rules?"

I had to sit with that for a moment. In front of me were warm, wonderfully aromatic baked goods....

Eventually safety won and I put the paper bag filled yummys on the top of the garage recycling since I didn't have the heart to throw them out. I had to think about it still. Perhaps if I zapped them in the microwave they'd be safe...

Late last afternoon (Thursday the 1st day of full quarantine) I joined my 2 neighbour girlfriends for cocktails on each of our subsequent lawns. We were out there for over an hour...not sure if that is actually allowed since there is the possibility the virus is airborne and we have been told to limit our outdoor activity. It is nice to have the camaraderie of neighbours though. Time will tell if this was a bad decision or not. There is a feeling of playing hooky and enjoying our confinement.

So far there have been no deaths recorded in New Zealand due to Covid-19 but the woman Nelson Hospital is now quite worrying.

Kids are now playing video games and hubby is emailing friends.

Earlier we exercised up and down the Tamaki steps and waved to neighbors. It rained pretty hard and hailed. We have a large puzzle on the table. We are allowed to walk the dog, We have plenty of food in the house and will probably not brave the grocery store until



Monday.

The neighbors are all connected online on What's App and we text each other if we need anything.