



TE KARERE O TE KURA TUARUA O WHANGAROA



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Kia ora whanau

With the Prime Minister's announcement on Monday the 20th April of heading into Level 3 next week, we want to gauge the intentions of all whanau considering sending their children back to school. This is so we can make preparations to cater for both students who are returning to school and for those who will continue with distance learning.

The key message from the government is that whanau should keep their children at home, if you can.

1. That you should only physically send your child to school if you need to.

2. This is for all Year 7 to 10 students only.

3. All seniors need to remain at home.

4. For those students intending to return to school there are a number of new procedures in place to support a safe learning environment. These include;

- Students will be put in a learning bubble, of **no more than 10 students**, in which they will need to remain in for the two weeks we are at Level 3. This includes members of their own whanau (bubble).
- Students will only interact with these students both in class and during their break times. Each learning bubble will have a separate break-time.
- Students will be kept **1m apart** in the classroom and will need to remain **2m** apart in the playground.
- Students will be **assigned** a desk and chair in their bubble which they will remain in for the two weeks we are at Level 3.
- Unfortunately, they will **not be allowed** to play interactive games where they are touching the same equipment, so games like handball will not be allowed. There will be no sports equipment available.
- Students will be given their own learning pack which they will keep at school, with all the equipment they need for class. They will **not share** equipment. Learning bubbles will have at least 2 teachers who will stay in the same bubble, so students may not have their normal teachers.
- Students will continue to work through their distance learning material whilst at school.
- Students will have regular hand washing throughout the day. We will not expect students to wear school uniforms.
- There will be **no uniform** exchange and where possible students and staff will need to wear clean clothing daily. As we do not require students to wear their school uniform, It is still important all clothing they wear to school is appropriate, just like a mufti day.
- Students will **not be able** to hug their friends and huddle together during breaks.
- Students **will move directly to their bubble from the bus** once it arrives at school. There will be **no** congregating before or after school.
- Every child is encouraged to **bring a water** bottle to school if possible. Communal drinking fountains will not be available during Level 3. The school will provide a water bottle where necessary.
- There will be **no** breakfast club, tuck shop or fruit in schools during these two weeks so please make sure your child has enough to eat during the day.
- We would ask all whanau to discuss these with their child to ensure they understand these procedures before returning to school. In addition we would like to add;
- The school and staff are here to support our community, whanau and students through this challenging time.
- We are continuing to work with the Ministry of Education to get internet access, devices and learning packs out to our whanau.
- The Government, Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health have set these guidelines for us to follow.
- Our teachers are also concerned about their own whanau and bubble, and we are trying to limit their contact as well as your child's.
- For those students who will be remaining at home, **we will continue with distance learning** and once back at school, teachers will be able to produce more learning packs to send home to all whanau without internet access.

A school representative will be contacting you in the next two days to discuss whether your child/ren will be returning to school next week. If you will be keeping your child at home please email us back to let us know.

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 27th April - ANZAC DAY observed (no distance learning today)

Tuesday 28th April - Teacher Only Day (no distance learning today) - certain teachers will be back at school, organising and preparing for learning at school.

Wednesday 29th April - Students can return to school (only if necessary and Y7 to Y10 only)

Monday 11th May - Government review of Level 3 lockdown

Online Learning...

LEARNING IN THE VIRTUAL WORLD.

Week two of teaching and learning from home has had both its successes and its frustrations.

Firstly, it is wonderful to reconnect with our students and to meet some of their whanau online too. Tu meke!

I am teaching Math, English and Wellbeing. Whaea Nik, Anna Davis, Mrs Cairns-Cowan and Mr Crawford have taught with myself across all of these classes. Our students seem to enjoy having a range of teachers to support their learning and to chat with. We've also worked together to share knowledge and build resources for our online classes.

Typically we start our learning with a whanaungatanga 'virtual circle'.

This is where we check in with students to see how they are going, say "Hi" and reconnect. We even managed to introduce our pets to one another, which was really awesome. Then onto the lesson. Mostly they have been pretty straight forward and the students who are able to connect to our Zoom meetings turn up within the first five minutes of the lesson. Zoom crashed one morning due to overloading, but Whaea Nik was able to quickly redirect the students to their google classroom using google meets which was great.

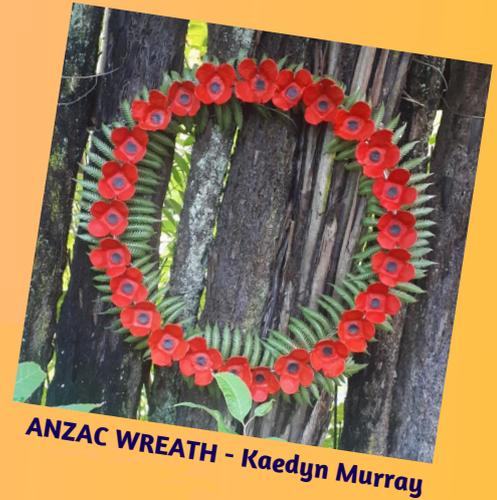
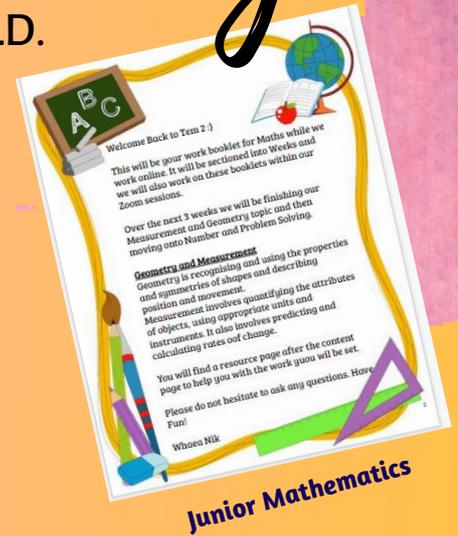
Our students access their work, we go over the assignments and worksheets and have a relatively short teaching and instructional session which is then recorded and posted for those who couldn't make the class, for whatever reason. The period goes very quickly, students are able to ask questions and contribute to discussions. Any left over time in the hour we stay on line to answer any questions that the students may have. They can also email questions to each of us as well.

The Wellbeing class is open to all students. Last week we showed a video clip which was about how to survive your whanau during lockdown and a video clip about what the Coronavirus is and why it is important to wash your hands, phone and surfaces etc. We also shared our "highlights" and "lowlights", the things that were going well and those that could be better. The students seemed to be enjoying extra whanau time but missed their social groups and sports.

We have been really impressed by the students willingness to run with this new teaching space and their patience and perseverance when needed, has been most appreciated. So keep up the great work and the continued commitment to your learning.

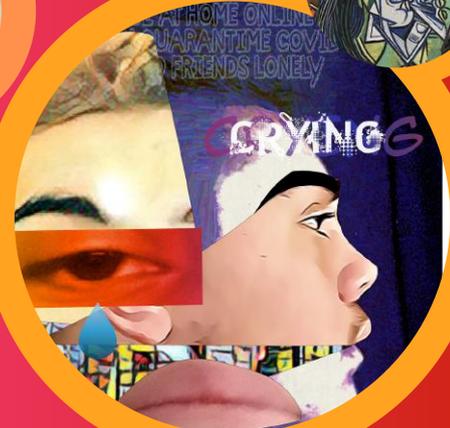
I wish you all the best for the duration of lockdown, take care, arohanui.

Ms Donaldson



ADVERTISING - Isla Hori

- Alayna Smith** Working well in Mathematics and completing all work set.
- Andre-Jean** Always in class and completes all his work on time. Completing all the work set for English on time - committed to the kaupapa.
- Isaac Thompson** Zooming through his mahi and presenting an awesome assignment.
- Isla Hori** Attending all English classes and turning in an awesome assignment.
- Jaylah Bruce** Taking the initiative to contact her teachers to ensure she has been invited to Zoom meetings
- Joshua Jeffery** Perseverance in working on his workplace Literacy
- Kasey Leota** Excellent perseverance and attendance in google classes
- Lauren Mitchell** Working well in Mathematics and completing all work set.
- Luke Melrose** Making the effort to complete his financial literacy mahi online and asking for help when needed
- Manaakitia Hemara** Consistently attending our online Zoom classes in Te Reo Māori
- Michael Parangi** Working well in Mathematics and Social Pod.
- Nikita Sanders** Exceptional online focus with Media Studies - even preparing mahi for her teacher to complete
- Rangipikitia Koni** Excellent perseverance and attendance in google classes
- Raumati Todd** Making an excellent effort to complete the work set and emailing the teacher when things were going pear shaped
- Reef Flower-Harris** Excellent perseverance and attendance in google classes
- Santana Hape** Starting her online mahi in Te Reo Māori
- Shaneil Batters** The ghost in the machine - keeping in contact to make sure her mahi is complete.
- Tihema Williams** Making an excellent effort online and completing all work on time!
- TT Davies-Sherwin** Always trying her hardest and not afraid to ask for help.
- Tyrone Murray** Making an excellent effort online (without video on) and completing all work on time! Excellent perseverance to connect to his google classes and chase his teachers when something goes wrong. Perseverance in Primary Pod in the face of an internet connection that keeps dropping him out.



REMINDERS



CONTACT DETAILS

Please contact Sue Morris for any changes in your contact details. It is essential that we have your latest details to keep you informed of what is going on during this time.

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Helpful Information

COVID 19 Updates: Keep informed with latest information from the official government website.

Ministry of Education: Advice for parents and caregivers.

Learning from Home: Resources, guidance and information for parents, whānau, teachers and leaders from early learning to senior secondary

Te Reo Maori Resources: Support and resources for teachers, and parents.

Online Safety: Netsafe tips and guidelines for parents to ensure students are staying safe online.

Essential Workers and Childcare: Help and assistance when returning to work.

WHC School Nurse: Ruby is available online for appointments. Either click the link or phone her on 021 573 974 or email her: Ruby.culley@northlanddhb.org.nz

ANZAC DAY Virtual Commemoration

Saturday 25th 06:00-07:00

#StandAtDawn (6am) with your bubble, wear your poppy and listen to our special dawn service.

You can stand at dawn either in front of the TV, in your courtyard, in your driveway, in your garden or even your balcony.

Tune into Radio NZ National (AM & FM frequencies), listen live on the internet or on your phone (via the app) for the official dawn service broadcast commencing at 6am.



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