

NEWSLETTER THREE, TERM TWO

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KIA ORA, TALOFA LAVA, AND WELCOME.

As we come to the end of our first week of bubble school/learning from home, we can celebrate the success that has been achieved to date with containing the spread of the virus. This is certainly a year that we will never forget!

CORONAVIRUS (COVID 19) UPDATE ALERT LEVEL 3

Under Alert Level 3, the majority of children are continuing to learn from home. Teachers have been working hard to provide additional learning experiences on top of the school and Ministry of Education hard material packs that were sent home.

- We are operating 2 classroom bubbles at school for the children who need to be at school. It is a very different situation for teachers and children to be in. We are following all the advice provided by the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health around hygiene and distancing. The children are completing the same work as those who are learning from home, as well as some craft activities.
- We have not received any information about when devices might be available for our students. If this is to happen, the school will be notified.
- No more Ministry of Education hard material packs are able to be sent out to children as the first round of packs has run out. We are aware that some of our children did not receive packs. If you require some work for your child/children, please let the teacher know, we are able to copy off some work at school.
- We are still learning that some of the contact information we have for some families is incorrect. It is difficult for us to provide support or communicate with families/whanau if we don't have the correct information.

- We are grateful for the support Barbara Hay, Pam and Paul Cromarty have been providing our school community throughout the lockdown. The packs have been awesome additions to the work provided to the children and have added variety to the learning they have been able to do while under lockdown.
- If you need any support, please contact your class teacher or the school office. There is a wide range of support available for families and if we cannot help directly, we can point you in the direction of the support you need.
- We are hoping that towards the end of this week we will learn what Alert Level 2 will involve and what this will mean for us at school. After the government announcement next Monday about whether we remain in Alert Level 3 or not, we will be able to provide a clearer picture to parents/caregivers about how the school will operate under Alert Level 2.
- We attached a timetable that is a guide of how the classroom bubbles are working. This could be followed at home should you need a timetable for the children to follow.
- The Ministry of Education is sending out a regular newsletter called COVID CORNER. This provides information, ideas for activities you can do at home and website links that you can use for home learning. This is attached to this email.

Finally, it has been great catching up with some of the children on the Zoom chats and we have enjoyed seeing all the wonderful work the children have been doing at home on Facebook, on the Teams site and on our school website. Please keep posting photos and sending work to the teachers so this can be shared.

We hope everyone is staying well and safe and we look forward to seeing everyone as soon as we can. Remember to keep demonstrating the KORAU values and being kind.

Ngā mihi nui

Dave Lamont Principal



Lockdown Level Three Timetable

To start the day

8.30 - 9.00: Karakia, E-Tap, Oral language, KORAU Values

9.00 – 10.00: Working on your home pack mahi and online learning that your class teacher has set and accessing the Home Learning TV Channel if possible

(Please ensure your child comes with their home packs as this is the main mahi they will be doing while at kura during lockdown three)

10.00 - 10.30: Fuel Break One - Designated Outdoor Spaces

Have a break, have a snack and get some exercise in your bubble class

10.30 – 12.30: Working on your home pack mahi and online learning that your class teacher has set, if possible and accessing the Home Learning TV Channel if possible

(Please ensure your child comes with their home packs as this is the main mahi they will do while at kura during lockdown three)

12.30 - 1.30: Fuel Break Two - Designated Outdoor Spaces

Have a break, have a snack and get some exercise in your bubble class

1.30 – 2.30: Working on your home packs, online mahi – breaks for Just Dance, art activities etc – Meeting our freedom need to an extent.

2.30 – 3.00: Clean up, tidy, karakia

Home Time

(Reminder, we finish school at 2pm on Wednesday and Friday)

^{*}This is a pretty generic timetable and will be adapted, it is an example of things our kids at kura may be doing during the day, please take what you will and continue having fun and being safe in your bubble.