

'Growing a Positive Learning Attitude'

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Nau mai haere mai, Greetings | Tena Koutou | Konnichiwa | Groete | Namaste | Talofa Lava | Malo e Lelei | Ni sa bula | Fakalofa lahi atu | Kia Orana | Asalam Alykum | Ni Hao |

"He moana pukepuke e ekengia e te waka"
A choppy sea can be navigated

Kei te pehea koutou? How are you all? We hope that you are looking after yourselves and your families / whānau during this time. As we all work together to play our part in our lockdown bubbles, I am sure that you have all found a rhythm to your days at home (some ground rules, a couple of new routines for all members of the whānau 😊)

Distance Learning: It has been so heartwarming across the last seven days to see our learners involved in parent led or teacher led learning despite the complexities of parents & whānau also working from home or being an essential worker. At a SMALL glance:



Heidi made a pattern fish



Lexi measuring carefully



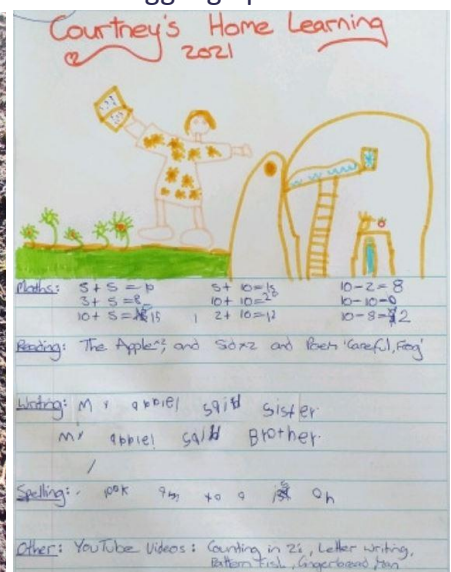
Ben snuggling up with Lexia



Isabelle: Recipe reading & cooking



Connor found a spurwinged plover



Courtney's home learning diary

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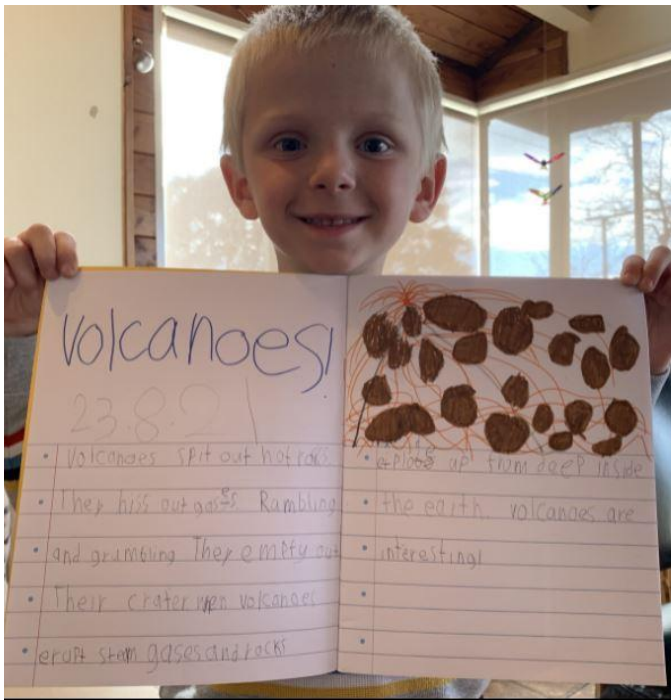
Sophie reading to her puppy



Charlotte reading in a weird place



Hunter's Lego creations



Jake wrote about volcanoes



Sammy made a hut in the lounge

Oliver W shared a joke: "What do you call a cave man's fart? A blast from the past" 😂😂😂

At our staff meetings (virtual), the one thing that resonates across our teaching team is the smiles and well-being that we are seeing from our learners. We are seeing a **BALANCE** this time around with lockdown.

Parents, Whānau, Whakamārama School staff - what a great job you have been doing.

Whānau together, whānau safe and whānau happy 😊

Attendance: Along with distance learning, comes the administrative requirement of marking the school attendance register - a legal responsibility that we have as a school. Thank you parents, whānau and students that have made contact with the class teacher to let us know what your child has been up to.

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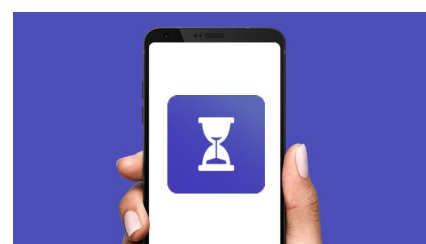
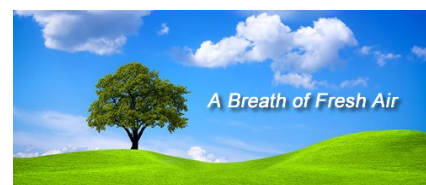
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To support our teachers and Sharon, do let us know how things are going in the home. A text, an email, a message on ClassDojo, student photos / videos etc is all that we need. Just keep in touch. We understand that parent led learning / school led learning may not take place every day - THAT'S OK.

Distance Learning Reminders

PLEASE DO THESE THING

- Do focus on emotional well-being. Find time to laugh and keep things light and positive.
- Do fun, low-key activities with your kids: Read to your child, play games, do puzzles, draw or bake a cake.
- Get kids out in the backyard for fresh air and exercise
- Teachers will offer a range of activities and tasks to select from. If you have more than one child at home; tasks will be made available that the whole family can undertake or that siblings can work together on.
- Have lots of discussions with your child - oral language is excellent for brain development
- If your child has a device at home; balance device time with hands-on tasks and physical activity
- Find ways for kids to keep in touch with friends e.g. phone calls, Skype, share photos of what they've been up to etc.
- Reach out if you are feeling stressed e.g. email or phone your child's teacher, email me or phone, talk to a friend



PLEASE DO NOT DO THESE THING

- Do not sit your child down between 9 am and 3 pm and try to recreate daily life at school. Doing this is likely to stress you and your child / children out.
- Do not feel the need to complete every single task your child's teacher sets. We will only be offering a range of things to select from. Selecting some activities or coming up with your own will support your child / children maintain structure and routine.
- Do not worry about your child's learning progress. All NZ kids are in the same situation, and they will be OK.

Coping with uncertainty during Covid-19 Lockdown: The current situation brings uncertainty again about how long we will be in lockdown or what Alert levels will look like in the near future. As information is received from the Ministry of Education - you too will also receive the information that our school receives.

Tauranga Music Festival: It is with no surprise that the music festival did not go ahead as planned and there was disappointment from our students (our school choir). But the good news - a postponement date has been sorted and we are all go for a new date in November 🙌. Now that's a good reason for our learners to keep practising at home.



Tauranga Music Festival Tickets: if you purchased tickets, hold on to them as you will NOT be issued new ones. You are able to present your old tickets on the new day - YAY!

Garden to Table: Here's a taste of the Garden to Table programme to enjoy at home

<https://gardentotable.org.nz/resources>

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Congratulations to the following students who received certificates at assembly
We are proud of the way you are living and learning with our school values and virtues

ROOM 3 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 3 13th August	William B	Awesome rhyme work...and great thinking during Maths Week. Ka Rawe!
	Reon	Super thinking when reading ...and great thinking during Maths Week Ka Rawe!
	William M	Super reading effort ...and great thinking during Maths Week. Ka Rawe!
	Maxwell	Great rhyme work ...Super reading ...and super thinking during Maths Week. Ka Rawe!
ROOM 2 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 3 13th August	James	For demonstrating respect for others by listening carefully while they are speaking.
	Jake	For striving to be an independent learner - you are not afraid to give things a go on your own. Keep persevering!
	Taylor	For showing respect for our classroom environment by making sure equipment is tidied away in the right place.
ROOM 4 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 3 13th August	Isabelle	For consistently modelling the Value of Respect by using good manners and treating others with kindness. Ka Rawe, Isabelle!
	Jorja	For listening carefully and contributing thoughtful ideas. You are really thinking about your learning. Tino Pai, Jorja!
	Meremaraea	For your consistent on-task work habits and challenging yourself to continuously improve. Ka Rawe, Meremaraea!
ROOM 1 RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 3 13th August	Nina	Habit of Mind: listening with understanding and empathy. Successful people listen to understand; not to say something back in return. A habit that will take you far!
	Destiny	Dedicated and committed approach to all learning areas. Keep up the effort!
	Holly B	Valuing Respect - Respect for Self. Continued commitment to her writing. Holly, you know your goals and work hard to show your learning in your writing. Great contribution during group sessions.

SCHOOL NOTICEBOARD

Please keep yourself up-to-date with the school newsboard that comes out fortnightly in the newsletter or the calendar on the homepage of the school website

AS WE WILL ALL BE AWARE, THE BELOW CALENDAR DATES WILL BE SUBJECT TO COVERT ALERT LEVELS

Thursday 2nd September	Year 5 & 6 Class Speeches (Time TBC)
Friday 3rd September	Year 7 & 8 Class Speeches (Time TBC)
Wednesday 8th September	Wig Wednesday
Friday 10th September	School Assembly @ 2:15 pm JOIN US! 😊
Tuesday 14th September	Board Meeting
Wednesday 15th September	Tall Poppies Speech Competition (finalists from school speeches)
Wednesday 22nd September	Tall Poppies Problem Solving (three Year 7 / 8 students) *P
Friday 24th September	School Assembly @ 2:15 pm JOIN US! 😊
Wednesday 29th September	Winter Sports Day *P
Thursday 30th September	Last day of Term 3
Friday 1st October	TEACHER ONLY DAY
Monday 18th October	Term 4 starts

***P Parent support required**

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The 5 Ways to Wellbeing



TALK & LISTEN,
BE THERE,
FEEL CONNECTED



DO WHAT YOU CAN,
ENJOY WHAT YOU DO,
MOVE YOUR MOOD



REMEMBER
THE SIMPLE
THINGS THAT
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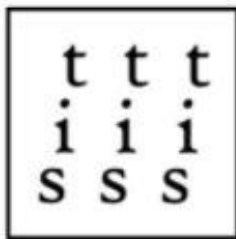


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EXPERIENCES,
SEE OPPORTUNITIES,
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- Click the 'Select your schools' this will bring you to a menu you can either search your school or follow the country/region prompts.
- Once you reach your school, select it with the tick on the righthand side.
- Tap the 'select schools' button in the top right corner.
- Tap the big orange choose button. This will load your school and bring you to the settings page.
- Subscribe to the groups that are relevant to you, then click the 'go back' button on your phone, which will bring you to the main screen of your schools app.



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