



**“Ma pango ma whero ka oti i te mahi- Together we will achieve.”
“He waka eke noa- We are all in this together”**

Wednesday 15 April 2020

Welcome back to a very unique term two.

Working from home - te mahi i te kāinga

Today certainly feels very different from normal. We are used to the first day of the school term being one of connecting starting with our students arriving at school, catching up with friends and sharing their holiday adventures with us– we are missing this!

We as a staff are all looking forward to reconnecting with our students and families and catching up with what they have been doing during lockdown. The teachers have developed a range of learning programmes to support our students over the next few weeks. I want to emphasise that our main focus is on everyone's well being. There is no right or wrong way to engage in the learning we are providing, and there is no requirement for it to be finished. Students can engage with it, when and if it is appropriate for their family.

You may just want to continue with the hut making, reading, cooking, artwork, physical challenges, letter writing etc that we have heard about – these are all valuable learning experiences and special family time. We understand that every household will have its own unique stresses during this time and therefore we ask that you communicate with your child's teachers if there are any issues with your children's learning. This is new for us too – and we will no doubt make adjustments along the way!

Learning programmes:

Below you will find links to each team's home learning activities:

Makara: Mrs Reumers, Mrs Trollove and Mrs Lyon

[Term 2 - Home Learning in Makara](#)

Manganui: Mrs Packman, Mrs Warner and Mrs Bishop

[Term 2 - Week 1 - Maunganui Learning](#)

Te Awaroa: Mrs Dymond and Mr Tattersall

[Te Awaroa information about home learning](#)



This link is to the Ministry of Education's website '*Learning from home*' that they have launched recently.

<https://learningfromhome.govt.nz/>

Also remember that Learning from home TV channels start today. Home Learning | Papa Kāinga TV will be shown, free to air, on TVNZ channel 2+1 and on TVNZ on Demand, as well as on Sky Channel 502. It will run from 9am to 3pm on school days with programming for children and young people aged 0 to 15, as well as for parents.

Whaea Marcelle has been busy preparing recordings of some of our favourite school waiata and some legends.

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/19d2DMNQKui3RX16ZFdHye6fOjdKtOyPLmM0tNatbgvU/edit?usp=sharing>

Communication by email – Tmēra

You have our staff email addresses and we welcome your communication with us. Like you, our staff will be juggling their work with their family commitments and may not be able to answer immediately, but they will get back to you as soon as it is possible.

As soon as we know more about our return to school we will let you know. It certainly looks like the positive actions everyone is taking have made a difference. Thank you to everyone for helping to keep our community safe by staying home and staying local - together we can do this!

Last, and certainly not least, many of our students' family members work in essential services. Thank you, on behalf of us all, for continuing to work through the rāhui – lockdown. We all greatly appreciate and value the work that you do and the sacrifices that you are making. Our appreciation and thoughts are with you all.

Ngā mihi nui

Charlaine and the Kaimata team