

Term 2 No 3, 2020
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Hello everyone

I am having trouble keeping track of the days let alone what month it is! What crazy times.

This week we have moved into Alert Level 3 and I am sure that some of you will have been pleased to extend your bubble a little to let someone else important in. I know that there are a lot of very pleased grandparents and grandchildren around the country who have been able to connect again.

This week I have really enjoyed joining the class meetings and seeing the children's faces and hearing their excitement to see each other. I am so impressed with the polite (kind), way that they all greet each other and their teacher. I am, as always, so proud of our Tokanui School children!

Thank you and well done to all of the parents at home supporting their children with their learning.

You are doing an amazing job in unusual circumstances. Our couple of weeks of online learning has meshed into something like four part weeks now. Rest assured that whatever you do, as long as relationships come first, you will not be creating a gap in your child's learning, rather, this is an opportunity for new learning. Look at how everyone is managing online meetings now. I have seen some creative ways that children have been using their time. Brooke and Jorja have built an amazing swing at their place thanks to the help of Dad's digger, Anna has delivered care packages and pine cones around the district to people that she thought might need some support - complete with her mask and gloves, and Jack made a spade! Awesome creativity and lots of learning, but I know that none of this is possible without the support of caregivers so well done everyone. It is interesting how in times of adversity we find that creativity feeds us. It lifts our spirits to make and create. It is evidently something to do with our ability and need to control or make something. Our family has also noticed that we have wanted to have big clean-ups around the place and I have heard of others finding this too.

Distant learning is totally different to face to face learning and our teachers are working hard to try to provide some interesting provocations that will help support the children during this time. This is an opportunity that will hopefully never be experienced again in our children's lifetime. It might be cool for the children to write a letter to themselves at 30 years. Some may wish to put down a time capsule at home. I think we may need to do this at school when we return.

This week was brightened by our online visit from Mr Yippadee! The children had a lot of fun tuned in to his virtual visit through Youtube. We had 70 views for his show! Denno loved seeing our student and parents comments come up during the show. This was the first one he had done like this and it was a real success. Check out his Facebook to watch him singing his books or click on the link [Mr Yipadee Tokanui Show](#) to watch the show again. We were lucky enough to be the first to experience his newly published book that was due to be launched in April.

If your children are needing some new stimulation be sure to tune in to Home Learning TV where the Ministry of Education has partnered with TVNZ to deliver entertaining educational programmes for children. This is on live on weekdays from 9-3pm on Freeview 7, Sky 502, Vodafone TV 502, and on TVNZ On Demand. There are awesome science, maths, literacy, Te Reo and fitness opportunities. Check out the timetable so that your tamariki tune in at the right time to benefit from age appropriate learning. They will be learning from some New Zealand stars including: Hilary Barry, Suzy Cato and the Topp Twins!

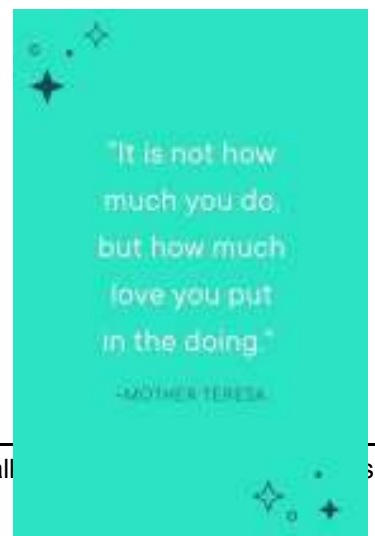
Hang in there team. Stay in your bubbles, stay home as much as possible, look after each other, be kind learn something new and please all stay safe!

Ka kite ano (see you later)

Kate Stevenson

Principal

"Courage is contagious" Brenē Brown



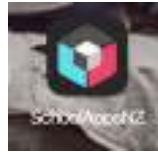
Team Blurbs:

Team Kikorangi: We enjoyed watching Mr Yipadee perform for us on Wednesday. Our theme this week has been building. We have been using different materials to make our creations. We are enjoying our Google meets on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Team Kowhai: Team Kowhai had a great time catching up with each other over a Google meeting on Thursday. We have been sharing some measuring activities and learning how to infer in our reading. Thanks parents for your continued learning support.

Team Karaka: This week Team Karaka are busy building and designing things using materials from around the house. It has been awesome seeing all of your creations. I look forward to see what you come up with next week.

Team Papura: Team Papura enjoyed catching up with Mrs Stevenson in our class meeting today. We have been making some creative insects out of things in our garden and moving like animals for PE.



If you haven't already got the School App, then jump on Google Play (Android) or App Store (Apple) and look for School App NZ. Download it, look for Tokanui School, click on what Alerts you would like then you will be first to know what's going on as this is our preferred way of communicating. If you have trouble or would like help to download it, then that's no worry either, just ask Marylyn and she's happy to talk you through it.

Remember if you have got it to update your Alert preferences (If your child has moved rooms or has joined Kapa Haka etc.

If you would like to place an advert in here to advertise your business, please email it to office@tokanui.school.nz before Thursday's lunchtime.

THIS WEEK'S DISTANCE LEARNING.

"Mama, can I go to the Mars someday?" little Fred asked

"You can do anything you put your mind to now goodnight" whispered mother. Fred closed his eyes and slowly drifted off to sleep.

20 YEARS LATER

"Hey you find my helmet! I am hopping in that rocket in half an hour so you better be ready!" Demanded Fred now known as Sir Fredrick Ron Galloway

"5. 4. 3. 2. 1 BLAST OFF!" As the air pressure blasted in his face he tried a smile although it was more like a grimace. Fred was happy inside he was finally accomplishing his dreams. Sweating in his space suit he looked over at his best friend that had been with him the whole time

"One small step for two men one giant leap for everyone". Saying this Fredrick leaped out of the space ship and on the rusty red surface with layers and layers of dust. This was a true humankind accomplishment.

By Imagen Earwaker Team Papura



Photograph showing Reflection by
Brooke Strang
Team Papura

Jason and I went to
 Nana and Granddads and
 Mam and Dad. We ^{Picked} pet
 walnuts and a ^{couple} CAPT OF
 dous ^{ago} bas ^{of} 96 I went ^{fencing} fencing
 With Dad I ^{hit} bagged the
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 drove ^{motorbike} the Motordic



Jaxson McCleery's measuring for Maths - Team Kowhai

Harrison McCleery's writing - Team Kowhai

George Jennings Writing - Team Kowhai



For Mr Yiptey

My name is Araya I like your Nee Naw book

I am Year 4

My favorite book is Mika

Things I learnt about writing is , you don't always get it right the first time and to use your imagination From Araya McCabe Team Kowhai

Mr Yippie

Year 3

My favorite yippie book is Stink-a-saurs

It doesn't matter if you make a mistake. Use tools for rhyming online.

My favorite book is the bad book.

By Honor McCabe Team Kowhai

Brian had often bought things from the market that had turned out to be the most outrageous, disappointing fakes.

He had presumed that the magic biscuits would have been exactly the same. How wrong he had been...

He fed his dogs before bed and when he woke up his dogs were massive to his surprise. Their dog kennels were crushed up and there was bits of wood everywhere all broken up. Brian was very surprised the magic biscuits actually worked.

They had stopped growing and when they drank water they went back to their normal size. Brian decided to keep them as pets and only fed them the magic dog biscuits when no one was there. He had normal dog biscuits for other times. It was Brian's little secret.

If they were big and wanted to go into Brian's house they would crush him, his family and his house, so they had to drink water each night before bed.

Brian could ride the giant dogs around his farm. They wouldn't ride in the paddocks with animals as they'd squash them. Brian would tell them where to go.

By Cameron Barnes Team Papura



Supporting Details

Main Idea Map



Caitlin Callahan's Writing Team Papura

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Araya's time capsule Team Kowhai



Honor's time capsule Team Kowhai



George Jennings ANZAC Wreath



Anna and Hunter McMullen's ANZAC Mailbox

Oscar Cracknell, Year 4 recipe
Recipe for a Happy Family
1/2 a cup off kindness
1/4 a cup off laughter
3/4 a cup off cuddles
1 scoop of silly jokes
Mix together and have fun!

Oscar Cracknell presented this last term, we think it's still very appropriate in these crazy times.



ANNA MCMULLEN DELIVERING HER CARE PACKAGES

Community News

Medical Centre News

Medical centre is open but with strict restrictions. There are no changes to the 111 service so please call this in an emergency. Please phone the clinic to arrange an appointment time so we do not have people waiting and can clean etc. We have flu vaccines available for priority patients and have run some vaccine clinics please phone the medical centre if you would like a vaccine. Nurse can be reached Mon-Fri 0800-1630 on 0278108801 and via 111 service.



Fancy takeaways tonight or tomorrow night?? Check out Fortrose Cafe.

Fortrose Cafe Takeaways

Friday 1st May and Saturday 2nd May from 4.30pm. Details on Facebook @Fortrose Cafe and Restaurant. Hope to see you soon. Emily and the team.

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If you would like to be part of our team then get in touch and let's discuss what that might look like.

Either ring or message us now to indicate your interest please.

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TOKANUI BISTRO

Hello everyone, we hope you are doing well and surviving not having a night off cooking.

We have put a lot of thought into what this means for us as a local business, Unfortunately we are staying closed during level 3

While our current focus is to get back up and running as quickly as possible and we would love to see you all, given the opportunity to operate doing contactless transactions simply isn't us! We feel this decision is best for all, our staff, their wellbeing and the health of the community.

We're all in this together and we thank you for your understanding and look forward to seeing you all as soon as it's deemed safe.

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Niagara Cafe

*After careful consideration of both staff and customers we will be staying closed during level 3.
We will reopen as soon as we feel we can operate safely.
Thanks Sue and Team*

For Sale. Well grown weaner pigs. \$75 each. Phone Craig Frisby 027 221 2341



Some Cybersafe tips for remote learning:

- *Students sign in with their School Account.*
- *Staff will use a Platform that is considered safe, these are Google Meets and Seesaw, even Messenger, as these are technically managed by the school. However, Watchparty, Houseparty or other get together apps are not and are notorious for being a back way in for viruses.(pardon the pun!!) so please be wary if you are downloading Apps.*
- *All social media platforms have a 13+ age limit.*
- *Be extra vigilant if copying and pasting from other sites. Make sure it is a reputable site or one you've used before. A lot of nasties can attach themselves to a copy and paste.*
- *Because we are out of the School site, our Firewalls and Security filters won't click in so be extra careful about opening videos etc. Best check BEFORE you share any links.*
- *Check that your own anti virus software is up to date. Hackers are very good at bypassing all our security so it's vital that we 'lock' our computer doors so to speak.*
- *With more time spent online, incidents of online bullying will likely increase. The pressure of social isolation, boredom, frustration and anxiety will lead to more frayed tempers and short fuses. Keep your eye open for any of this occurring.*
- *Be wary of doing any activity that requires you to give out personal info (mothers maiden name, your first car etc) as this is a hackers dream.*
- *Always turn off your computer at night. Some experts say not but the advice I'm getting is because we are out of our normal parameter for security and using students (families) internet then we need to be extra careful.*

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