



Term 2 No 4, 2020  
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Kia ora everyone

Welcome to our first New Entrant for 2020, Lucy Watson! What a time to start school. Lucy has been contributing to Online Learning through SeeSaw. What a way to start school! Lucy will have a very unique story to tell in the future about her start to schooling at Tokanui School.

As I am sure that you will all be aware, the decision about moving between Alert Levels will be announced by the Prime Minister on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May. If the decision is made to move to Alert Level 2, the earliest that we will go back to school is Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May. This will be the start of Week six of a 12 week term. The end of term date is July 3<sup>rd</sup>, this would give us seven weeks of schooling onsite.

The Prime Minister has advised that in Alert Level 2 schools are safe environments for children, young people and staff and that additional public health control measures are in place to prevent the spread of disease and to support contact tracing. The key Public Health approach is to minimise the risk that someone gets infected in the first place, and second to ensure we can identify and contact anyone who has been in close contact with a person if someone in a school is infected.

At Alert Level 2 we will require anyone onsite to be recorded on our register with contact details. This is for quick and accurate contact tracing. We will continue with good hygiene practices, including staff and students coughing into their elbows, handwashing/drying and regular cleaning of commonly touched surfaces.

Under Alert Level 2, any students and staff who are sick or have flu-like symptoms are to stay at home and we will send anyone home immediately if they show any symptoms while at school.

It's important however that not just at school but at home, safe hygiene habits are practised by everyone, as this is essential to minimise the risk that someone gets infected with Covid-19.

For more information about the public health measures at Alert Level 2, you can visit the covid19.govt.nz website: <https://covid19.govt.nz/>

The staff and I are really looking forward to meeting with the children onsite again. Hopefully this will be soon. At this stage I don't know where we stand with sporting events but the Southland Cross Country has been cancelled. Please remember that we are still in Alert Level 3 and need to continue to stay in our bubbles until we get notified otherwise. Meanwhile, keep up the great work supporting your children's online learning and encourage them to keep up some fitness.

Ka kite ano

Kate Stevenson

Principal

***"When you decide to collect experiences rather than things you never run out of storage space". Joshua Becker***

### ***Dates to put on your Calendar:***

18th May - Earliest possible start date at Level 2 for all students and Staff.

29th May - Teacher Only Day - *(This was booked prior to Level Lockdown. This will still possibly go ahead and will give you a four day weekend as the Monday is Queens Birthday).*

1st June - Queens Birthday

3rd July - End of Term 2

20th July - Start of Term 3



## Team Blurbs:

**Team Kikorangi:** This week we have been using Zoom to have writing sessions. We have used picture prompts to have us with our ideas. Our writing in the newsletter this week is about a cat that we thought looked scared and sad.

**Team Kowhai:** Team Kowhai have been getting to know about our parents school days. Some of us found books over 100 years old, we looked at our parents old books and talked about reading and maths in the "olden days".

**Team Karaka:** Team Karaka are having a great time catching up with each other over a Google meeting. Today we are having a camo themed Google Meet and a duck calling competition. This week we have been sharing building creations and learning how to make connections in our reading. Thanks parents for your continued learning support.

**Team Papura:** Team Papura have been writing using activated nouns. We have started to design huts to build out of pallets when we get back to school. Thanks to all the children who attended their writing workshops yesterday.

***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.***



***We are still doing an online newsletter next week so if you would like to place an advert in here to advertise your business, please email it to [office@tokanui.school.nz](mailto:office@tokanui.school.nz) before Thursday's lunchtime. (There is no charge to advertise your business whilst we are doing online newsletters) Please note that the Office email address is only whilst we are doing an online newsletter.***

### THIS WEEK'S DISTANCE LEARNING.

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#### Team Kikorangi Writing

The cat looks sad because he is not at his real home.

By Seth

The cat looks sad because he didn't get fed. They forgot to feed him.

By Jethro

The cat looks scared because a bird might fly in the window. The bird was big and broke the window.

By Baxter

The cat was scared because it was at the vets. She is there because she got hit by a car.

By Latesha

The cat looks scared because they put her in a sack. She is going to the vet.

By Tilly

The cat looks scared because she is sad.

By Benji

The cat looks scared because they put her in a sack. She is at the vet because she got hurt.

By Amelia

The cat looks sad because he woke up.

By Hope



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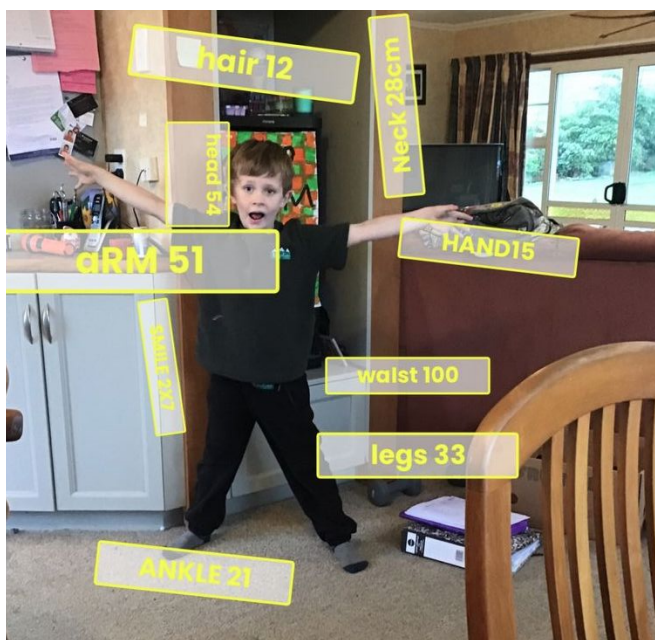


Jeremy and his family found their Great Grans first school reading books for a reading activity.

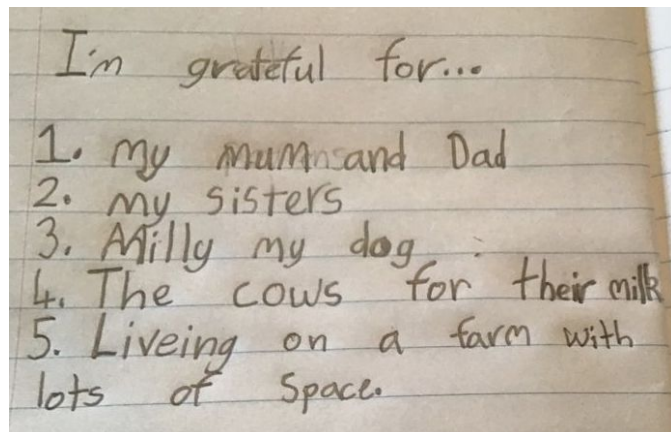


Eventually we actually found what we were looking for. Great Grans first school reading books. They are approx 80 years old.

## Penguin on Skates!



Phoenix Paisley - Measurements



Tegan Beswicks - "Things I'm grateful" for writing

## Team Papura



Mackenzzy Hansen doing some yummy maths work.

Rattling gates shaking in the wind,  
 Silent caravan rocking as rain drips down the window,  
 Lonely trees blow in the breeze,  
 Cold sheep huddle for shelter,  
 Brave possums clamber too close,  
 Hungry birds search for bugs to eat,  
 Dead flowers drain colour away,  
 Rusty swing sway in the cold frost,  
 Bouncy Trampoline resting without any weight on it,  
 Bike waiting patiently for someone to ride it.

By Imagen 🤖

## Team Karaka

Miss Taylor ready to do a Google Meet complete with camo gear and maimai. Team Karaka had a surprise visit from Mrs Stevenson today on their Camo special.



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## 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.



One behalf of Toi Tois Playcentre, due to Covid19 we are unable to do our cheese roll fundraiser this year. We look forward to your continued support next year.

[Tokanui Home and School Fundraiser- Entertainment book is now an app on your phone, no longer providing a book option.](#)

Give Mum the night off cooking! As NZ moves out of the Covid-19 Lockdown, an Entertainment membership is a great way to find and support the local businesses that have been through some very challenging times recently. Like most of us, you may be wondering what to get Mum this year as Mother's Day approaches – an Entertainment Membership is the gift she can enjoy all year round! You can even gift it right to her email address. Support our community, and buy your Entertainment Membership here - <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/9b31766>

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