

Tahunanui School



"I can - I will"



TAHUNANUI SCHOOL NEWS

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello again everybody. This week I am back at school with just a few students and teachers. It is very quiet and I'm missing you all but we know this is the safest way of making sure we get rid of Covid-19 from our community. The great thing about this time at home is that I can share children's learning through the google classrooms just like their teachers and families can. We are all learning new digital skills and some of it isn't easy for us adults but we keep trying just like the children do! For this newsletter, Helen asked me to do a video of myself. I tried six times until I said something that didn't have too many mistakes. Next week we are going to hold a school assembly and Mr Lambie is helping me learn how to do this on the computer. I know he is also helping lots of parents....please don't be afraid to ask for support, we are here to help as much as we can. Also on this, there are still some families we haven't had any contact from. If you see this newsletter and have new contact details we may not be aware of, or know of anyone who does, please do let us know. We really care about every one of our school community and it feels so much nicer when we know you are all safe and well.

Mrs Bowens video message

<https://tinyurl.com/y7ejsmpe>

Mufti Day

Next Friday, the children at school would like to hold a Mufti Day. The difference with this one is that everyone at home wears uniform and only the people at school can wear mufti! To encourage you to take part, you are allowed to add some interesting extras to your uniform to show your individual style and there will be prizes for those who make a special effort. Think hats, scarves and other interesting additions to your uniform but no ruining your school shirts! Rather than the usual gold coin donation, we would love you to donate an item or two to a Foodbank

<https://www.foodbank.org.nz/> We'll let you know more about this next week and remind you at our Assembly which will be on Thursday afternoon - look out for the link coming soon.

TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGES

None of us realised that learning in 2020 would be delivered in this way. Some of us have been able to embrace the online aspects of our new classrooms and others have found it to be a challenge to say the least! We have been very fortunate to have Ian to guide staff, students and parents through the minefield of technology that's been presented to us. We have mostly got things sorted now. If you are continuing to have a problem logging on or access the online content, please either email Ian at ian.lambie@tahunaui.school.nz or call 0800 121 028 to speak with him directly. Please be patient, we have over 25 staff and 240 students, that's a lot of queries for one person to deal with!

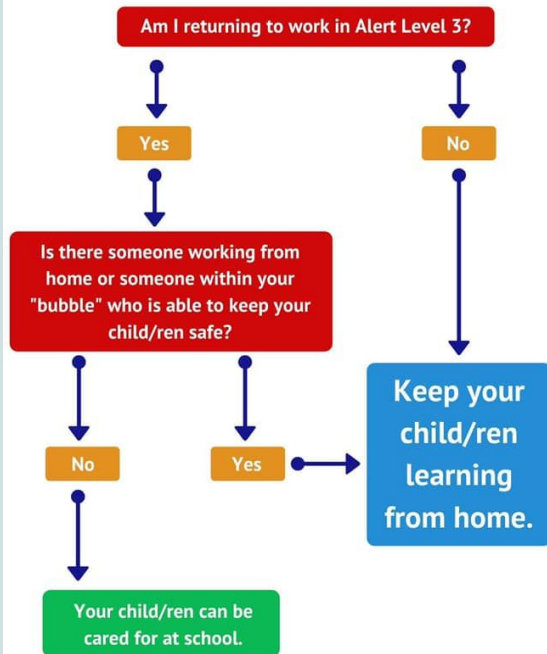
It is very important that children log into the google classrooms under their own logins. Here is a video on how to do that.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1A6H0InI6UHlo8iSndQoX_ithtDnI5uBq/view



LEVEL 3

ALERT LEVEL-3 DECISION FLOWCHART



This week saw the start of our 'at school' classes, these are very different to a normal school classroom. We currently have 2 bubbles operating and students in these bubbles are seated at separate desks to maintain social distancing. They are accessing the same online learning that is available to everyone else, they have regular breaks outside with their bubble but must still maintain a 2 metre distance from other bubble members. It is certainly very different from what we are used to seeing in a classroom.

Thank you to all the families who have been able to keep their children at home and continue with home learning. We are looking forward to being able to welcome you all back when it is safe and appropriate to do so. In the meantime, keep up the good work, you are all doing very important work at home keeping safe.

Make sure you get into the classwork that is available online, there is heaps of cool stuff to do.

STAYING SAFE ONLINE

Delivering learning online means that we need to make sure we are able to keep ourselves and our children safe while accessing online content.

John Parsons who has spoken to our school community before about cyber safety has some great tips

<https://www.facebook.com/johnparsonsS2E/videos/244747619971043/>

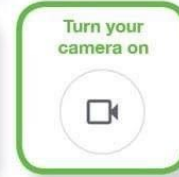
Tahunanui School has a policy for the delivery of online learning, you can access it here: username: tahunanui and password: sail

<https://tahunanui.schooldocs.co.nz/>

While online in google classrooms, we expect that children will use the same manners we would expect in a physical classroom, wait your turn to speak, use kind words, be respectful and use appropriate language.



Google Hangouts Expectations for learning



BE **SMART** ON THE INTERNET

DIGITAL TIME CAPSULE

We would like to produce a digital time capsule of what 'Lockdown 2020' looked like for us. If you would like to share some of your stories, videos, slides or photos of what your lockdown has looked like, we will put them together in a digital time capsule so that in years to come we can look back to see what it was like and how we coped. Please send the things you would like recorded to secretary@tahunanui.school.nz and I will make a presentation of them for everyone to access.

You could include things you have done with your learning, new crafts or games you have tried, walks you have been on and teddies you have seen. You could have photos of some of the yummy baking you have done, the TV programmes you watched and books you read. You could include the people that were in your bubble, some writing on what it was like talking to your teacher and classmates online rather than in the classroom.

Perhaps you could make a video of how you kept active in your bubble, maybe you tried yoga for the first time, or did you do the Les Mills workouts on TV, did you try Miss P's mindfulness activities?

You can put anything you like into the time capsule!!

You are living a history lesson. In years to come student just like you will study what happened in the 2020 Covid-19 pandemic, our time capsule might be watched to see what it was like!



SAIL AT HOME

Just because we aren't physically at school doesn't mean we aren't still sailing!! Teachers are watching the work come in and seeing who is engaging in the google classrooms or emailing them questions, and it is all worth SAIL points!!

Who will be our fastest SAILor? Which house will gain the most points? Will Burrell, Chamberlain or Toss will get the most points? Will there be a special reward?

So many questions!!! But you need to put in the work to find out the answers, keep working hard at home, get the work done that has been assigned, show us how you have SAILED at home.

Have you kept your room tidy, walked the dog, helped out in the kitchen, done the dishes, read to your siblings, played nicely with your siblings, been super helpful?? Send us the proof, it could all be worth SAIL points!!

LEARNING AT HOME

Hopefully by now you are all either online or working with a learning pack. We are in week 2 of term 2 and school is definitely in session. It's important to try to complete the tasks that have been set by your teachers. We would like for everyone that is able, to log in each day and complete a task. Hopefully by the end of the week you will have completed all the tasks set by your teachers. While learning from home is different, it is still learning. We are not on holiday and it's important for children to realise that their learning does continue. The balance between doing what you can but still doing something is tricky, it will be much easier for children to return to classroom learning if they have remained in a learning mindset during this time.

Teachers are spending a lot of time putting up work, marking the work you are doing and giving feedback, they are still issuing SAIL cards as well, how many SAIL cards can you earn?

We are still trying to make contact with anyone we haven't heard from to see how we can help you access the different learning options. If you haven't logged into a google classroom or contacted us, please email your teachers or call school during normal school hours, Mrs Bowen is in the office and would love to chat!

BURRELL

Burrell are starting to look at 'paying it forward' this is a great time to start thinking about how you can make a difference to someone by being kind, doing something nice for them and not expecting anything in return.

Giving can be far more satisfying than receiving.

How are you going to pay it forward to people in your bubble?

Can you figure out a way to pay it forward to someone outside your bubble?
(without leaving your bubble of course!)

Send in your slides showing us how you are paying it forward.



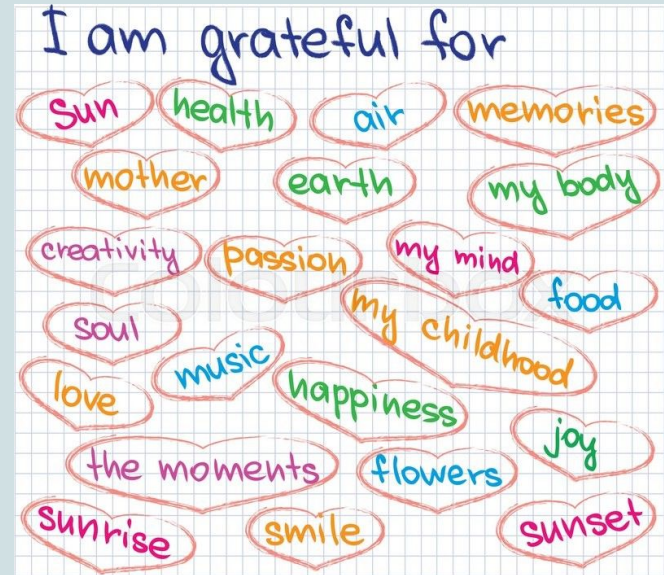
CHAMBERLAIN TEAM

Chamberlain's writing task this week is about being grateful.

Sometimes when things are a bit crazy (like they are now) it can be hard to remember to be grateful.

Your writing task is to keep a gratitude journal note something down each day that you are grateful for.

The last month may have changed the things you are grateful for each day. Sometimes, the most simple of things are the things we are most grateful for.



TOSSWILL TEAM

Tosswill are still looking at things related to Autumn, in their google classroom they have all sorts of interesting Autumn related activities.

There is a scavenger hunt, Autumn acrostic poems and lots of book about dragons because this week is all about the blend 'dr'.

How many words can you make out of the word 'dragon'!!

You can send in pictures of your autumn leaf rubbings.

Have a look at some of the lion pictures Mrs Hewitt's at school bubble made



NEWSLETTER SUPERSTARS!!

In the last newsletter I asked you to send in some pictures and stories about what you had been doing in your bubbles. WOW! Some of you have been very busy and creative. Here are just some of the things that have been shared with me. Please keep sending them in to me at secretary@tahunanui.school.nz



Nina was trying to teach her dog, Paddy some maths. He's not a great student and ended up falling asleep in the middle of the lesson!



Brianna and her dog made some beautiful Anzac Day art work for their letter box. Won't our dogs miss us once we go back to school!

SOME OF YOUR AMAZING WORK



Pheonix has been spending some of her time baking yummy treats, walking and doing science experiments.



Faith also made some art works for Anzac day, then she made some Anzac biscuits with her Mum after writing out the recipe.



Sophie from Room 14 made some pirate treasure, then used it to help with her maths! Great thinking Sophie, Ka pai!

MORE SUPERSTARS!



Captain Renee and pirate Maggie were on a ship, they found treasure. The stranger was a flying fish, he wanted the treasure.

Renee used the digital dice in Tosswill's classroom to help write her story.

A great scallywag tale, Renee



Ahoy there! Captain Laya from Room 14 and her brother made a pirate ship!!

She is keeping an eye out for other pirate ships on the horizon.

AND MORE STARS!!

Mia from Room 14 wrote an
Autumn acrostic poem

Autumn leaf shapes
Under the tree the person stands
Tree leaves fall
Up in the tree tops
Magnificent bird
Night time is gentle



Benson and his dog
have spent their time
reading and walking on
the beach, the weather
has been perfect for
beach walks.

LOCKDOWN WRITING

Snakes make the best pets during lockdown.

It is clear that snakes make the best pets during lockdown because they won't go out into other people's bubbles.

Secondly, everybody knows that snakes are not loud so you won't get a headache.

Finally, they won't wake you up in the middle of the night like some other animals can.

There is no doubt that snakes make the best pet because they are peaceful, quiet and undemanding.

By Hemi N, Room 12



Lincoln H, Room 12, diary entry

1. My favourite part of schooling from home has been lots of time with Dad and I have also enjoyed learning about penguins and animals.
2. For exercise, I have been doing sit ups and star jumps every night.
3. I am looking forward to going back to school so I can play with my friends.



SHARING THE LOVE

As we start to find a new normal and begin to branch out of our bubbles, please remember to support our local businesses, they really need our support now more than ever, over the years they have supported our school and community through galas and fundraisers, now it's time to repay the favour. If you need to shop further afield, then try to shop within New Zealand. I've attached a couple of links to help you find some New Zealand businesses to support.

<http://www.buynzmarket.org.nz/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/519618962054849/?fref=nf>



I've also kept in the link for the foodbank project, please do support them if you are able, it is a very worthwhile cause.

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