

*Tahunanui School*



"I can - I will"



# TAHUNANUI SCHOOL NEWS

24 April 2020

# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia ora koutou Tahunanui School Families

We hope that term 2 and our distance learning programme has been a success for you so far. We know that there will have been many challenges for you to deal with but we have been getting some great feedback about the learning that is happening and thank you for all your support and huge effort, you're amazing!

I've especially enjoyed seeing the children in their class video chats and I know their teachers are simply buzzing after this very special time with them too. It is a huge privilege for us to be invited into your homes in this way and really does make our community come alive in the absence of school and social events to attend.

There are just a few people we haven't been able to reach yet. If you do know of anybody who may have changed address or phone number during lockdown, and we're not aware of their situation, please ask them to make contact with us so we can support them and their children too.

There are also some of you who need your children to return to school in level 3, please read all the information in this newsletter regarding this and do what is required to keep everyone safe. We simply cannot have any surprises on Wednesday!

In the meantime, snuggle into your bubble just a little bit more and create some wonderful family memories for years to come.

Thinking of you all everyday,

Barbara

# LEVEL 3

Level 3 will provide the opportunity for very limited access to school. Children of parents/caregivers who need to go back to work during level 3 and have no other childcare option may send their children to school from Wednesday 29th April. You must have first completed the online form and had approval from the Principal for your child to attend. This is to enable us to set up bubbles within school. A bubble will consist of no more than 10 people including students, one teacher and one teacher aide. If you believe your child meets the requirements to attend under level 3, please let us know by completing this form <https://tinyurl.com/y6wnknj2>

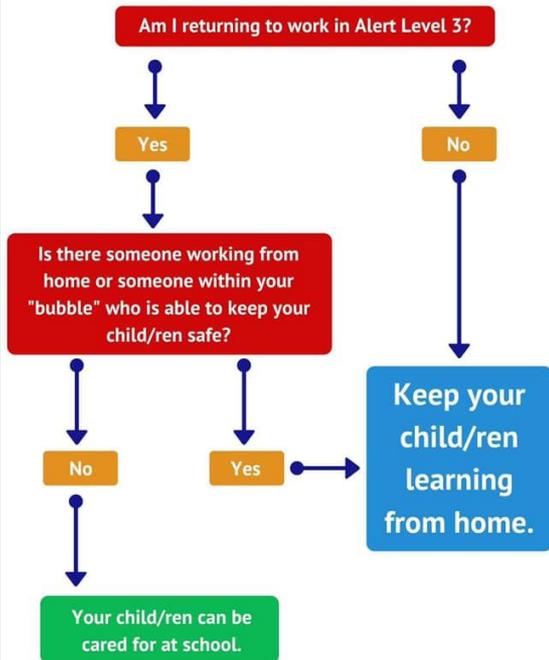
Supervision will be provided for these students within that bubble. They will stay in that bubble at all times and not mix with any other bubble. Supervision will include access to the online learning options already provided by their classroom teacher. Physical distancing will be strictly adhered to with 2 metres between each student and teaching staff outside and 1 metre inside. Regular break times will be allowed, but children will only be able to mix with their own bubble during break times.

It is preferable that students are kept at home during level 3 and this option is only available for parents whose work is essential and they have no other child care options.

There is no before or after school care at this time and drop off and pick up times must be strictly adhered to.

# LEVEL 3 - CONTINUED

## ALERT LEVEL-3 DECISION FLOWCHART



When you receive approval from the Principal for your child to attend school, you will be told when to drop them off and where. There will only be one entrance available to be used. All other entrances remain locked.

Children must be dropped off and collected by a caregiver from their bubble at the pre-arranged times, there is no leeway with this and the times and locations must be strictly adhered to.

**NO ONE CAN ACCESS SCHOOL WHO HAS NOT RECEIVED PRIOR APPROVAL TO DO SO.**

This includes access to playgrounds and playing fields, they are all out of bounds unless you have prior approval to attend school.

We simply cannot have anyone turning up that has not been pre approved to do so. Bubble numbers are capped and we can not accommodate children who just turn up.

# THANKS

We have some big thank you's to make. Firstly to Ian Lambie, out of all of us Ian has probably been the busiest, he is in charge of I.T. for the school. Before lockdown not many of us had heard of Zoom, Google Classroom, Hangouts, Chats, and myriad of other technological wizardry. He has been incredibly patient with the staff as we navigate our way round all these new platforms. He has also been very busy helping parents and students log into their accounts and sending out chromebooks to families.

Secondly to Barbara Bowen, there has been a huge amount of information coming out about the lockdown at level 4 and 3 and Barbara has spent a lot of time reading and interpreting this information and getting it out to us as quickly as possible.

And to our teaching staff, the learning curve they have been on has been huge!! Delivering learning online was not even a concept a couple of months ago and they are totally smashing it. There is some really cool stuff in the Google classrooms and they have totally embraced a whole new way of connecting with their students.

Lastly, to all of you, our Tahunanui School whanau. We have enjoyed seeing inside your bubbles when you send us videos and writing about what you have been doing, it is a privilege to be sharing this moment in history with you, one day we'll look back at what we are doing now and we should be really proud at how we have adapted and taken on the challenges we have been presented with.

# LOGGING IN

When you are accessing the Google classrooms, it is really important that you log in using your school login details. Mr Lambie has made a video of how to do this. When you do access the classroom please use the same manners we would expect in a normal classroom, wait your turn, only one person speaking at a time, put your hand up if you would like to speak, use kind words and be polite.

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1A6H0InI6UHlo8iSndQoX\\_ithtDnl5uBq/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1A6H0InI6UHlo8iSndQoX_ithtDnl5uBq/view)

If you are having trouble with any technology based, please email [ian.lambie@tahunanui.school.nz](mailto:ian.lambie@tahunanui.school.nz)

Ian and Zumo will get back to you as quickly as they can we hope to have other ways you are able to contact us very shortly.



# 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, video's, slides or photo's 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](mailto: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.

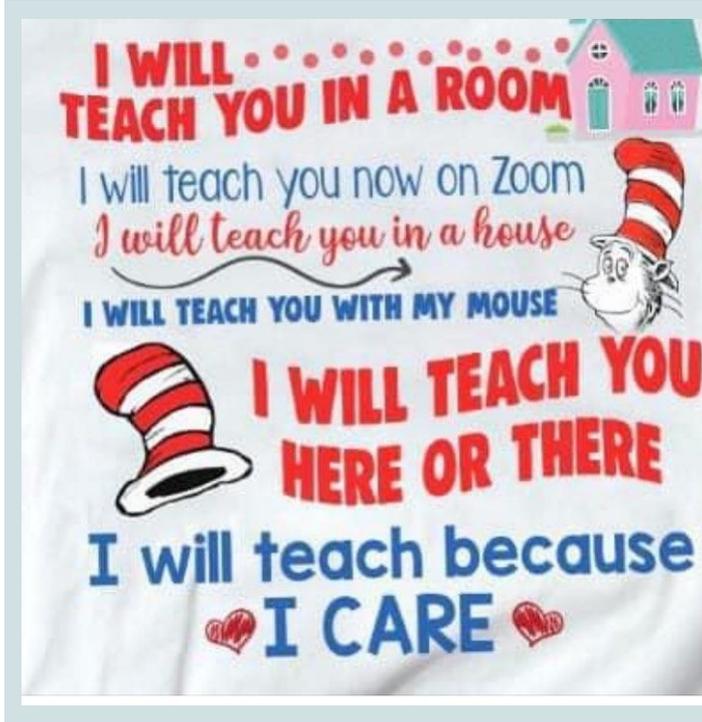
Perhaps you could make a video of how you kept active in your bubble, maybe you tried yoga for the first time, or did you do the Les Mills workouts on TV, did you try Miss P's mindfulness activities?

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!



# LEARNING ONLINE

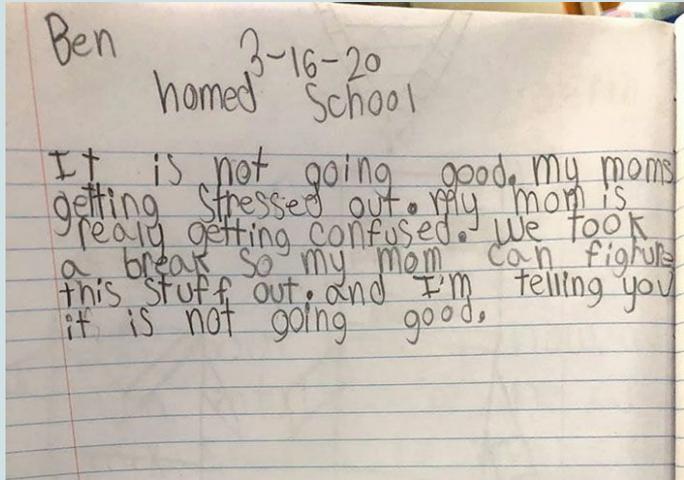


There is no doubt that this is a life changing event for us all. It has totally changed the way we learn, relate to each other, view the rest of the world and interact.

Teachers have spent an awful lot of time getting creative and putting up interesting work for you, please take the time to have a look at it, and do what you can, if you are able to, please join in with the class catch ups.

We really miss your smiley faces and can't wait to see you all again soon, but for now we all need to look after each other by staying home and being safe, please do keep in touch with us though!!

# LEARNING AT HOME



We know the 'learning at home' thing is tough!!

Hopefully by now you have found a bit of a routine and a system that works for you. There are plenty of great options for things to do in our online classrooms, but do remember to take time out away from screens.

We do not expect your child to be involved in full on learning from 9 to 3. Make sure there is plenty of time for playing, being outside, watching some tv, reading books, helping out around the house, playing with siblings, going for walks or bike rides.

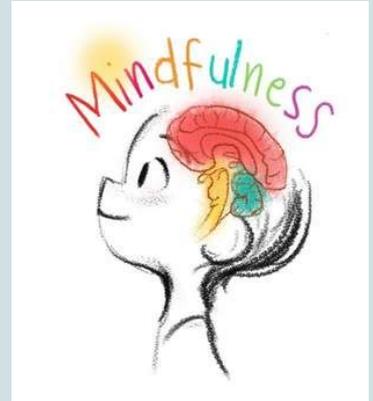
Be realistic about what you can achieve in a day, do your best and be kind to yourself and your bubble.

# What's new in Burrell's Google classroom?

Miss P has put up some great ideas on mindfulness and how to keep ourselves in the green zone. It can be quite tricky to stay calm and focussed when everything is a bit topsy turvy, have a go at some breathing techniques using this link.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1DuvXPRUm-hPV81tUTR00uLIUkPUxgvJd/view>

There are some links to practice your New Zealand sign language, along with your weekly reading, writing and maths work. There is also some more work about your enquiry learning.



The Rui Hui, Tamaki Talks, Orakei Crew Do and Rotoiti Sociality are continuing, please remember to use good manners, put up your hand if you want to speak and wait your turn.

# TOSSWILL

The Tosswill team have been having way too much fun with their pirate topic, check out their welcome back video! Keep an eye on the classroom for details on their video catch ups.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1gGhw6aiU0XNpFMNo7qP65G5mQbxcrrlB/view>

There is lots of reading, writing and maths activities to do on Tosswill's classroom, as well as logins for Sumdog, Study Ladder and Prodigy.

Don't forget to share with us what you are getting up to in your bubble, and maybe take some time to get something together for the Digital Time Capsule!!



# CHAMBERLAIN TEAM

The teachers from Chamberlain have a great welcome back message to all their students

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1x6rnK2fzTAsIFGDgvnvU8sDevdHQ8SvD/view>

There is lots of work in the classroom about learning to tell time and Anzac day and what it means to New Zealand.

Mrs T has been knitting Anzac poppies, here is a link to the pattern

<http://www.armymuseum.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/knitting-patterns.pdf>

Maybe you'd rather get in the kitchen and make some Anzac biscuits, here's a recipe

<https://www.chelsea.co.nz/browse-recipes/anzac-bisc/>



# SOME OF YOUR AMAZING WORK

We were going up the Grampians  
On a lovely Autumn Day  
We were going on a bear hunt  
And collected leaves to play

We made up our way  
Through lots of colourful trees  
We also saw native Weta  
But not so many bees

Once we were half way up  
We enjoyed the splendid sight  
Shall we keep on going up?  
We were not sure if we might

We decided to keep going  
When we saw some horses mowing  
We almost made it to the top  
But decided we better stop

Going down, we are not so tired  
The time went flying past  
Now we are home, our energy expired  
We had such a blast!

By Flint (Room 7) and Sophia (Room 14)



# SHARING THE LOVE

The Covid-19 crisis has hit the world hard and the economic impacts will be felt for quite some time.

There will be families within our community that will be struggling. Struggling with family situations, loss of jobs, pay cuts, not having all of the resources and whanau they would normally rely on in their bubble with them.

This is why we continue with the message of be kind to yourselves, don't expect too much of yourself or others. Do what you can to get through each day.

If you are able, there is a great website called The Foodbank Project that is run by the Salvation Army to supply food and essential products to local food banks. You can choose individual items or bundles of items that food banks need.

<https://www.foodbank.org.nz/collections/all>

# BE A NEWSLETTER STAR!!

I'd love to see what you are all up to!! If you would like to share what you have been doing or learning or some of the things you have made over the last few weeks, please send them to me and I'll include them in the next newsletter. Make sure you have your parents or caregivers permission to share these.

It will be a nice way to see some familiar faces and see what everyone has been up to. I'll try to include as many as I can.

Send your videos, slides, pictures, stories or whatever to me at

[secretary@tahunanui.school.nz](mailto:secretary@tahunanui.school.nz)

Send your bits and pieces in before the end of Wednesday 29th April. I can't wait to see what you have all been doing!!

Helen