

Tahunanui School



"I can - I will"



TAHUNANUI SCHOOL NEWS

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

“With an ‘I can I will’ attitude our school empowers children to become resilient, connected and successful citizens”

This vision for our school was written well before Covid-19 but it is during this time that I have seen some of the very best examples coming alive in front of my very eyes!

Why is this? What have we all learnt from this time? What would we like to hold on to and what are we happy to let go? What valuable insights have you had into your child's learning? What have we as a school had to do differently, what has worked and what hasn't? So many questions and so much valuable **pedagogical** learning to capture!

Yesterday, our Prime Minister reminded us the descent down the Covid-19 levels needs to be taken cautiously. I'd like to add to her analogy - take time to enjoy, reflect on and value the view because it is this part of the journey which has the most potential to empower our children and community to take the best possible next steps forward.

The Government announcement on Monday as to when we are moving to Level 2 is a key moment in this journey. We have a plan for Tahunanui School which we will share with you as soon as we can next week. Until then, learning will continue online through our Google Classrooms and we will keep in touch through this and by email for any changes. As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Stay safe,

Barbara

Pedagogy, taken as an academic discipline, is the study of how knowledge and skills are impacted in an educational context, and it considers the interactions that take place during learning. Pedagogy is often described as the act of teaching.

ASSEMBLY AND MUFTI DAY

We hope you enjoyed our first virtual assembly!! Thanks to all our amazing teachers who spent quite a bit of time putting together their assembly items, and of course to our super sailors who have been working very hard during lockdown to produce some amazing work. If you didn't get a chance to see our assembly, you can view it here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/12aCvuUCxL5y4eA24qHqrxAXimF6iz-qW/view?ts=5eb4b32b>

We are also holding a 'mufti day' today. The children who are coming to school during level 3 get to wear mufti while those of you learning at home wear uniform. We would like to use this time to raise some funds or cans for our local foodbank. Send us pictures of you in your uniform with your can. When we are able to come back to school, bring your can into the office and we will make sure that it gets to the foodbank. If you prefer, you can make a direct donation here:

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



LEVEL 2

There is still a lot of work to be done on what level 2 will look like for school and how we will put these changes into effect. While we have had some guidelines given to us from the Ministry of Education, how these will be put into practice requires some planning.

Like you, we are waiting for the announcement from the Prime Minister on Monday to know when we will go to level 2 and how it will operate. We will be making contact with all families on Tuesday with a questionnaire on your plans for returning to school under level 2. This will be sent out by email and it is very important that we hear back from every family. If your email address has changed or you don't receive the email by the end of Tuesday, please call the office on Wednesday morning (03 548 6167) or email secretary@tahunanui.school.nz

We are working hard behind the scenes to make sure that we have all the health and safety protocols in place to allow a safe return for your children.

KEEPING BUSY IN YOUR BUBBLE

Some of you have been busy baking in your bubbles and making yummy treats to eat. Here are some websites with great kids cooking ideas.

<https://www.chelsea.co.nz/kids/baking-kids/>

<https://kidspot.co.nz/recipes/cooking-for-kids/>

<https://www.foodinaminute.co.nz/Recipe-Categories/Recipes-For-Kids>

<https://nadielim.com/recipe-category/kid-friendly/>



Don't forget to send me pictures of what you have made! Maybe you could use this as a writing project, write out the recipe and send in pictures with it.

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!



READING AT HOME

Dr Seuss stories are a great read, but I've never heard them in a rap before, have a listen to this

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nwDGRUzv3SE>

Don't forget the huge amount of online books you have access to via Wheelers books. You can download them onto a device and read away!! Every Tahunanui School student has their own log in, if you are having trouble accessing this, please let us know.

<https://ts.wheelers.co/>

Are you a Harry Potter fan? Over the next few weeks different celebrities will be reading chapters of Harry Potter books, chapter one of the Harry Potter and the Philosophers Stone is read by none other than Harry himself, Daniel Radcliffe

<https://www.wizardingworld.com/chapters/reading-the-boy-who-lived>

LEARNING AT HOME

Flint and Sophia and their Mum, Kati have been doing some amazing experiments at home looking at a natural water filter. Check out the video they made.

<https://vimeo.com/413753383>

Continuing with the water theme, can you make water walk?? Have a go at this experiment and send me your photos!

<https://kidspot.co.nz/activities/walking-water-science-experiment/>

Maybe you could look at slime in space!

<https://www.weareteachers.com/slime-space-virtual-field-trip/>

Met Service have some really cool weather related experiments too

<https://blog.metservice.com/node/1183>



VIRTUAL TOURS

You can take an online virtual tour of some of the most amazing places in the world. Try visiting some of these sights.

<https://naturalhistory2.si.edu/vt3/NMNH/> The Smithsonian Natural History Museum

<https://oh.larc.nasa.gov/oh/> NASA

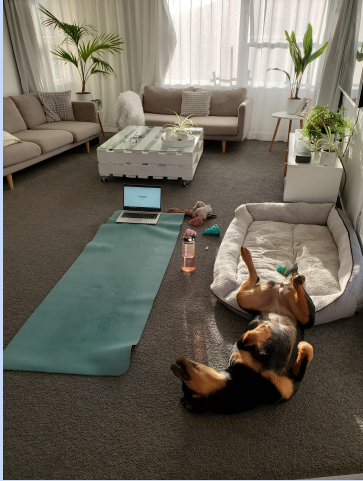
<https://kids.sandiegozoo.org/videos> San Diego Zoo

<https://www.royal.uk/virtual-tours-buckingham-palace> Buckingham Palace



CHAMBERLAIN TEAM

Chamberlain have put together a great show and tell set of slides, showing what everyone has been up to over lockdown. There are some great pictures, you have all been very busy baking, building, exercising, doing science experiments and being very creative. Ka pai!!



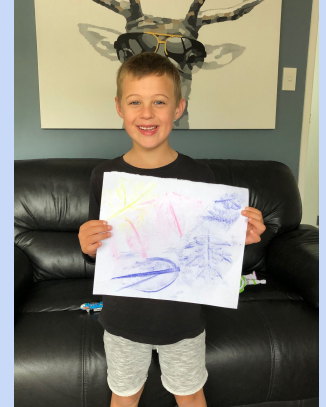
TOSSWILL TEAM

Tosswill have a link to Radio New Zealand story time, a selection of kids stories read aloud. If you have the book at home you can read along too. There are books for all ages, have a look, there might be something for older siblings too.

<https://storytime.rnz.co.nz/>



Some amazing Autumn artworks!!



BURRELL TEAM

Burrell are busy with their online work, there is a new set of learning tasks with measurement for maths and continuing on with their enquiry on paying it forward.

Their Funday Friday activities look pretty good, perhaps you'd like to draw?

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHRHILY0t3i5VvKEeFMoJxw>

Or maybe some 'funology'

<https://www.funology.com/>



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

Ava has been really busy, she has made a rockpool board game

<https://tinyurl.com/ydyboply>

Mary Jane has made a video about water safety around your home

<https://www.facebook.com/richmond.aquatic.centre/videos/213365253230982/>



TOSSWILL ART WORKS



Sophia, Room 13



Tilly, Room 16



Charlie, Room 7 and
Mia, Room 16



Reeve, Room 16



Sophia, Room 13

STAYING ACTIVE

No Child Left Inside have sent along some videos of active games to play

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1lbzsL-1pw7cwN-legUmcAcAeBFPhL5Jr/view?ts=5eb4b2a2>

Or, you could Jump Jam

<https://www.jumpjam.co.nz/quarantine/>

Maybe some animal yoga?

<https://youtu.be/D6MNRtgzIAE>



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. If you have a business that you would like us to feature, please send the details to: secretary@tahunanui.school.nz

<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.

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

