

## PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Holiday Newsletter ● 1.4.20

Tēnā koutou



I hope you and all your family are staying home and staying safe. Our family got a pandemic puppy. His name is Monty and he is a Chihuahua. He has put a smile on everyone's face during strange times.

I hope you are finding small things to brighten your days at home or at work, doing essential jobs for our country.

Thank you again to everyone in Police, health, supermarkets, food production and all essential services. We really appreciate what you are doing.

### DIGITAL SAFETY

Please take a little bit time to discuss internet safety with your children. Make an agreement with your children about what they can do online, including sites they can visit and appropriate behaviours including:

- reviewing and approving games and apps before they are downloaded
- reviewing privacy settings of sites and applications
- checking children's profiles and what they are posting online
- check the sites your child is accessing
- reminding children that anything that is posted online will be permanently on the internet

- taking the time to understand what sites they are visiting and who they are talking with and check in regularly. Some social media sites have age restrictions to join, check these before letting your child use them or join them
- monitoring a child's use of the internet and consider having them use it in an open, common area of the house
- making sure your children know to report any activity they don't feel comfortable with to parents and caregivers straight away.

### **FLUTRACKING**

As noted by the Ministry of Health, Flutracking is an online survey which asks if you have had a fever or cough in the last week and which can help us track COVID-19.

Registering online will help our surveillance efforts by providing early detection of community spread of the flu and also of COVID-19 symptoms.

We encourage people to register online at:

[www.info.flutracking.net](http://www.info.flutracking.net)

### **SCHOOL GROUNDS ARE CLOSED**

Just a reminder that the school grounds are closed because of the seriousness of Alert Level 4.

### **KEY DATES REMINDER**

28 March	School holidays begin
10 – 14 April	Easter including the Tuesday after Easter
15 April	Term 2 begins (through distance learning)
22 April	Current date for ending lockdown period
27 April	ANZAC Day observed

You are welcome to contact me through the holiday period. The best way to do this is by email.

Kia kaha

Mark Smith

Principal

[mark@papakowhai.school.nz](mailto:mark@papakowhai.school.nz)