



PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
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Tēnā koutou

**TERM TWO STARTS ON WEDNESDAY 15TH APRIL BY
DISTANCE LEARNING!**

HOME LEARNING

We are looking forward to working together with you next week to support your children to learn from home. It's key to remember that your home does not have to be a school. Learning happens anywhere and everywhere and your home is already a learning environment. It is not necessary to turn your home into a classroom.

First and foremost, communicate with your child's teacher. They will have a plan for learning at home – you aren't expected to replace the teacher.

Learning happens in every language. If your home language is a language other than English, use that language when communicating with your child. You can use your home language to talk about activities the teacher has provided and the activity can be completed in English. You can also seek help from Jill Clibborn our ELL co-ordinator at jill@papakowhai.school.nz

Plan what your day will look like. Sit down with your child or children and work out what you will be doing together and what they will be doing alone. Discuss what works best for you and your family when planning learning. Remember, learning doesn't only happen between 9am – 3pm. It's important to take regular breaks, get outside for some fresh air and do some physical activity.

Children and young people having to learn from home can be unsettling for you and your whānau. Stay connected, remain child-centred, and avoid worry where you can.

Some things you might want to support your child with each day:

- Read (or hear) a story
- Write something
- Challenge your child's thinking on a subject or topic
- Solve a problem
- Do something active
- Hold a conversation about a topic that is interesting to them
- Include your child in everyday home activities, like cooking, washing and cleaning
- Have time to rest and play
- Connect with your teacher to see what they have prepared to help you support learning at home – these might include tips, ideas, activities or how to access resources.

Communicate with your child's teacher if there are any problems or any successes to celebrate!

If your child has specific learning issues that require additional support you are also welcome to contact Sue Jenkins our Special Needs co-ordinator at sue@papakowhai.school.nz or Shauna Cory-Wright our Gifted co-ordinator at shauna@papakowhai.school.nz.

You are also welcome to contact the leadership team:

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Resources for home learning

To supplement the resources, we are sending home you can also access resources directly from the Ministry of

Education

[Early Learning](#)

[Years 1 – 4](#)

[Years 5 – 8](#)

DIGITAL LEARNING

The Ministry of Education is working to make sure as many families and whānau as possible are connected and do have a device to use. **If you haven't already, please contact me directly if you need a device for digital learning in your home and/or an internet connection and data package** that will let you download learning activities and resources.

HOME LEARNING TELEVISION

The Ministry of Education have been working to develop Home Learning TV | Papa Kāinga TV, on TVNZ, which will run from 9am to 3pm on school days on TVNZ2+1 and Sky channel 502. Some lessons will also be available on TVNZ On Demand.

There will be content for parents and whānau with preschool children and tamariki, and lessons for those aged 5 to 15 years of age will cover a broad curriculum that includes movement, music, physical education, wellbeing, numeracy, literacy and science through an integrated approach to curriculum. There's already a lot of good education video content available, and the Ministry will be working with experts and educators to refine and further develop it.

They have also been working with Māori Television to make distance learning accessible for all ākonga and whānau. The programmes on Māori Television are for reo Māori learners of all ages, with a focus on those who are aged 0-18, covering ākonga in kōhungahunga (early learning), kura tuatahi (primary) and wharekura (secondary).

Programming will be tailored to specific age groups of reo Māori learners throughout the day from 9am to 3pm. It will be aligned to Te Marautanga o Aotearoa and contain age appropriate content that tamariki can do on their own, with their siblings or together as a whānau. Content will focus on building skills in speaking te reo Māori, and ensure that te reo Māori is being spoken and heard in the home.

HARD PACKS

The Ministry of Education also plan to make written material packs available to students. Content of the packs is on the Learning from Home Website, this is to help teachers interact with students with their learning activities.

Where the Ministry is unable to immediately connect a household with the internet or get a device to a student, they will be working with schools and kura to provide hard-copy learning materials direct to homes where possible.

HELPLESKS

The Connected Learning Advisory helpdesk can assist whānau to make full use of online learning environments and resources. CORE Education, which runs the helpdesk, will provide this and other online support from 8 am to 5 pm on business days. To contact the Helpdesk, call 0800 700 401. To speak with the Helpdesk in te reo Māori, call 0508 294 462.

SPARKLERS WEBSITE

<https://sparklers.org.nz/> This is a free website that anyone can access, without having to sign up, although you can sign up to get messages from them if you want to.

This is a research based wellbeing website with tried and tested ideas.

There is a specific learning at home section.

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:

<https://www.flutracking.net/> (This is the correct link – apologies for the incorrect link last week)

SCHOOL GROUNDS ARE CLOSED

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

KEY DATES REMINDER

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

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