



PAPAKOWHAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 1 Term 2 15 April 2020

Tēnā koutou

TERM TWO BY DISTANCE LEARNING HAS BEGUN!

I hope you are well and safe in your bubbles. I hope you have had some happy and fun moments in the midst of times that are uncertain and difficult for many families.

Thank you for keeping in touch during the lockdown period.

I know that some of you will feel anxious about your children working in new and different ways.

This is a time for us all to work together to support each other so we can get through this.

The earliest any children will return to school is Wednesday 29th April. I have no more details about this yet.

In the meantime, we are learning at home. It is really important that you stay connected with your child's teacher by email or Seesaw. If you are unsure how to do this, please email me directly and I will put you in contact.

Don't stress about your child's learning, keep well-being as the first priority. I appreciate that some of you will be feeling hesitant right now and less confident than usual, because of the extraordinary circumstances that confront our nation. Teaching and learning, in the school environment, is one thing; remote teaching and learning is

untrodden ground for many of us. If you need extra help, there is a list of contacts below that you can use.

Be kind to yourself as parents/caregivers, don't put yourself under too much pressure with distance learning. I'm finding it hard enough just to control my dogs while working at home!

Stay safe.

Kia kaha

Mark Smith

Principal

mark@papakowhai.school.nz

MOE SUPPORT

The Ministry has launched its [Learning From Home](#) website which provides advice and resources to support parents, whānau, and teachers. Please take some time to check this out.

CONTACTING PAKAKOWHAI SCHOOL STAFF

If you are experiencing any problems, whether they be learning or more of a pastoral care nature please contact your child's teacher.

You are also welcome to contact:

Alison Flint School Office

(We are not checking the phones so please email)

office@papakowhai.school.nz

Heather Turner Finance

heather@papakowhai.school.nz

Jill Clibborn English Language Learning support.

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Sue Jenkins Additional learning needs support

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Mark Smith Principal

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REPORTS

School reports are being completed by teachers over the next couple of weeks. These will be emailed out on Friday 8 May. If you have changed your email recently and not notified the office please send your email address to office@papakowhai.school.nz

PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS

These will take place by **Zoom** on May 12th and 14th regardless of the alert level status and if children have returned to school. These may be able to happen during the day if most children are still at home at this time, otherwise we will schedule them in the evening. Booking details will be available next week.

DEVICES FOR CHILDREN

If your child is without a device or if you have discovered that sharing does not work please contact mark@papakowhai.school and we will deliver one to you. This is just for Years 3- 8 at this stage. If you are not able to

connect digitally and your child is in Year 1 or 2 please contact lesley@papakowhai.school.nz

DIGITAL SUPPORT

Please contact your child's teacher or caine@papakowhai.school.nz if you need digital support.

You can also contact the Connected Learning Advisory

Technical advice for teachers and whānau in response to their Helpdesk enquiries.

Online support to assist:

- whānau to understand how to use the IT tools they have and how to engage safely in collaborative spaces
- Community liaison connecting early learning services/school/kura leaders and whānau with networks and resources.

Contact details:

Online support is from 8 am to 5 pm on business days.

Ph: 0800 700 401 or

learningfromhome@connectedlearning.org.nz

HOME LEARNING TELEVISION

The Ministry of Education have been working to develop Home Learning TV | Papa Kāinga TV, on TVNZ.

You can find it on TVNZ channel 2+1 and on TVNZ on Demand, as well as on Sky Channel 502. It will run from 9am to 3pm on schooldays with programming for children and young people, as well as for parents.

Content will be grouped for early learners and students by age range, and will include play, literacy, mathematics, science, te reo Māori, physical education and wellbeing. All of the programmes will feature highly experienced teachers and presenters, along with wellbeing and movement experts.

The content information will be on the Ministry's Learning from Home website. Check the updates page of the site for

daily programming information. Home Learning | Papa Kāinga TV will be on air for one month with provision to extend beyond that if needed.

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.

FREE INTERNET SAFETY FILTER FOR PARENTS

While children are learning from home, they are away from the online safety and security services provided by Network for Learning (N4L) at school. So together with N4L and Netsafe, we have launched www.switchonsafety.co.nz - a free way to block the worst of the web for students and teachers.

Remember, no technical solution is a silver bullet. Please remind your parent community to complement this with digital citizenship toolkits provided by Netsafe.

Netsafe

Netsafe provides comprehensive support and information to support everyone to stay safe as they work, learn and play online. Netsafe has new and updated resources for parents, whānau and students at

<https://www.netsafe.org.nz/advice/staying-safe>

CHILD SAFETY

Finally, if you believe a child is in immediate danger, call the Police on 111. If you are worried about a child and want to make a referral or report of concern, call Oranga Tamariki using 0508 EDASSIST (0508 332 774) or Email edassist@ot.govt.nz

SCHOOL GROUNDS ARE CLOSED

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

KEY DATES REMINDER

APRIL

15 April	Term 2 begins (through distance learning)
22 April	Current date for ending lockdown period
27 April	ANZAC Day observed – no school
29 April	Earliest possible date children can return to school premises

MAY

8 May	Reports emailed home
12 & 14 May	Parent/teacher meetings by Zoom