



13th April 2020

Dear Whānau

What an astonishing time we are living through. Hoping you and your whānau are well and are making the most of the 'bubble' time together. By now you have probably developed a daily 'bubble rhythm'. Working from home brings its own challenges and benefits! I hope you are making the most of family time and are enjoying time to slow the pace of life.

Staff have met on Google Meet and we aim to get a new set of learning for everyone on the 15th April with daily video conferences planned with the children. A meeting schedule for your child will be provided. Learning will be available from our Google classroom. Extra links to websites and notices will be on our school website, <http://www.hauturu.school.nz/> so that everyone can have access as easily as possible. We have also set up a new Facebook page. This is another way you can check in to see what is happening at Hauturu School.

Each class, Kotuku and Kereru, will have a classroom set up on Google. Students will be able to access their learning using their school google account. Teachers will share individual usernames and passwords for students who cannot remember this information. Teachers will be making contact over the next few days. For those students who have limited or no internet access further hard packs of the digital learning will be provided.

Please feel free to email teachers along the way to give feedback and ask questions. We are all learning and we will be adjusting things as we go to make the best of this!

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#### School Terms

As you know school terms have been moved.

From the 28th March we entered into the school holidays with the start date of term two moved to Wednesday 15th April. Other term dates are the same.

#### Learning Packs

We gave out learning packs in the last week of term one which were designed to be about two weeks of learning. We know some children have been carrying on this learning through the school

holiday period and others will have had a break and put them aside until after Easter. How you organise your days and the learning is completely up to you and your family.

**A suggested daily schedule from the Ministry of Education is:**

Before 9:00am	Wake up	Eat breakfast, make your bed, get dressed, put any dirty clothes in the laundry
9:00-10:00	Morning walk	Family walk with the dog, bike ride, Yoga if it's raining
10:00-11:00	Learning at home	School-led learning or Sudoku, books, flash cards, study guide, journal etc
11:00-12:00	Creative time	Legos, magnatiles, drawing, crafting, play music, cook or bake etc.
12:00 pm	Lunch :)	
12:30	Helping at home	# wipe all kitchen tables and chairs # wipe all door handles, light switches and desk tops # wipe both bathrooms - sinks and toilets
1:00-2:30	Quiet time	Reading, puzzles, nap, radio NZ stories
2:30-4:00	Learning at home	School-led learning or iPad games, Prodigy, Educational show
4:00-5:00	Afternoon fresh air	Bikes, walk the dog, play outside
5:00-6:00	Dinner :)	
6:00-8:00	Free TV time	Kids shower time
8:00	Bedtime	All kids
9:00pm	Bedtime	All kids who follow the daily schedule & don't fight

*\*Adapted from a resource developed by Jessica McHale Photography*

**Learning at Home**

Children will not come to any harm if they have a break from formal learning for a while. I am sure many of the experiences they are having at home with you at this time will be creating special bonds and memories for life. Please do not feel any guilt over unfinished tasks. Your welfare is very

important to us and we understand that you are not teachers. That is why teachers are conferencing and being available online everyday between 9am until 12.00pm.

There are some amazing online learning opportunities that have been shared on our school website. Try some out; I am sure these links and others you have found will engage students in many rich learning activities. The Ministry of Education are adding to their bank of online resource links so do try some of these:

<https://learningfromhome.govt.nz/supporting-learning/information-for-parents-and-whanau>

On Wednesday 15th April, a dedicated television channel will become active. This is to offer learning for tamariki. The channel is TV2+1. Have a look and see what will support your child(ren).

We have contacted you about your home internet connection and student access to devices. The Ministry of Education is trying to help with these issues and I have passed on your information to them. Ministry are targeting NCEA level students and those in disadvantaged areas first. We will be able to distribute school devices during the week. We will be in contact with individual families regarding the delivery.

This is a whole new experience for all of us and we don't want it to be overwhelming for anyone. So please remember that wellbeing comes first, then learning.

Ngā mihi nui

Sue Coyle  
Principal.