

Good Afternoon to you All,

26 April 2020

There is a lot of information in this update. Please take the time to read through it, as we are really trying to keep you connected.

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge our children. In a recent Facebook post, there was a lot of korero about the children and this strange new reality that we are all in. I would like to acknowledge them, their ability to adapt, their excitement at learning new things, and the way they have shared their family with us. The staff and I have really treasured seeing your children from a different perspective! Our schooling will never be the same.



Many thanks also to those of you who have embraced learning from home. You are amazing. We have loved hearing and seeing the baking, crafts, adventures and fun that you are sharing with your children, during this, at times, overwhelming journey. You have attempted a lot of the activities we have shared, invented your own and coped with the 'interesting' technological challenges.

Next week, Monday is a public holiday, and we have a teacher only day on Tuesday. Therefore we will not be sending out a new Home Learning Activity Board (HLAB). A new HLAB will be sent out on Monday 4th. Hopefully, we have ironed out the glitches when sending these out. If you don't receive it, please contact your liaison teacher.

As we look to moving into Alert Level 3, I thank you all for supporting the Governments advice to keep your children inside their home bubbles. As a result of your decisions, there are no children coming back to school under Alert Level 3. We will continue to support you in your learning from home

I have included some information from the Ministry of Education

- [Information for parents](#)
- [Parents Checklist](#)

Bus Service

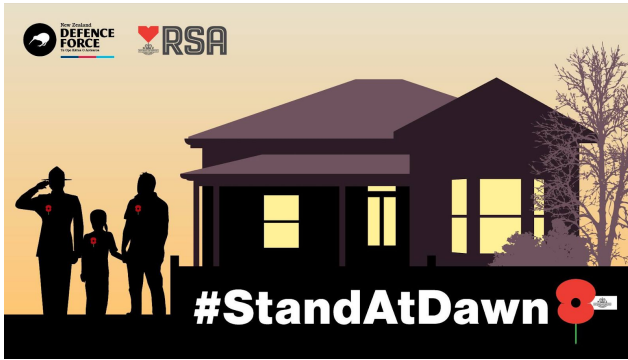
Contact has been made with our Uzabus Service and Brian, our bus driver. More information will come out to you when we move to Alert Level 2.

Internet Safety

N4L Switch-on-Safety security filter campaign

These are good information sites for you to check out and are recommended by the Ministry of Education:

- [information on the Learning from home website](#). Instructions for the specific device a child uses can be accessed directly at switchonsafety.co.nz.
- For tips and advice to support online safety conversations, please direct them to information at www.netsafe.org.nz



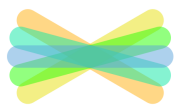
STAND AT DAWN

This year, Anzac Day will be like no other. Let's all #StandAtDawn – apart, but together as one.

The Anzac spirit has taught us many things; endurance, courage, ingenuity, good humour and mateship.

And in these unprecedented times, it's important we unite together using all of these qualities. Visit www.standatdawn.com for all the details.

We have seen some wonderful participation from the ANZAC activity on the HLAB - baking, art and poppy making. Keep sharing photos with us and we will put together a display of what students/families did to remember ANZAC day this year.



Seesaw App

CLASS

This format has really come into its own while we have been in lockdown. I encourage you to interact with this app. Children are able to share their learning in many different ways. Have you tried the voice recorder, or uploaded video? The children may need a home learning code. The teachers will check in about this next week.

Home Learning | Papa Kāinga TV and Māori Television Education broadcasting

Home Learning | Papa Kāinga TV has started education broadcasting for early learners and students in Years 1–10, with Māori Television launching te reo educational programmes on the same day. Home Learning | Papa Kāinga TV will be free to air, 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.



Thank you for your support of our school and your care for those in our school community during this time.

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou
Deb and the Manakau School Team