

22 May 2020

Kia ora

A very warm welcome to Imogen and Zac who started school in Whakarewa last term and to Monty and Phoenix who have started recently. Also, welcome to Nicolette who has joined Matawara.

A big thank you to parents

Thank you for your efforts over the lockdown period to support your children at home. We have loved having children back at school this week and it is clear that they come back enriched from their extended time at home. The opportunity to go slow and focus on family relationships is a gift we may not often have in our lifetimes. It has been a delight to hear children talk about what they enjoyed while at home and their special relationships with family resonate across year levels.

We appreciate your efforts to support children with learning at home. Whether or not this was with our school home learning programmes or by enjoying games, making, cooking, walking and other family activities, learning has happened. You will have managed all of this while balancing other responsibilities such as work or worrying about not having enough work.

The levels of engagement in the home learning programme we provided was high and we have learnt a lot about learning over this time. Both the home learning programme and our level 3 programme with a few children attending school, have highlighted new insights into how children learn best. We are planning how this new learning might refine how we teach to help children learn better. This week we have been asking children to reflect on how they learn best and their contribution will add value to our thinking.

Something that has been highly successful has been the team websites that provide access to lessons and activities. Having all the learning in one place has meant children can revisit tutorials when they are not in front of their teacher. Opportunities to hear new learning more than once and at a personalised pace can be beneficial. While we are careful to limit the amount of time children spend on devices at school, it would be very helpful if children in Years 3-8 who have a device they could bring to school do so. You may have questions about this and I would encourage you to contact team teachers if you would like reassurance about the management of devices in the team.

Learning Conferences

Our learning conferences are held in the last two weeks of term 2. Bookings are not open yet, but I would like to signal the dates for parents:

Week 11

Monday 22 June 1.30 - 5.10pm **(school will finish @ 12.30)**

Tuesday 23 June 3.20 - 5.00pm

Wednesday 24 June 3.20 - 5.00pm

Thursday 25 June 3.10 - 7.10pm

Week 12

Tuesday 30 June 3.10 - 7.10pm

Wednesday 1 July 1:30 - 5.10pm **(school will finish @ 12.30)**

Bookings will open on Tuesday 2 June and information about how to book will be sent to parents via the school app.

Juliana Rae
Principal

Mana Ake drop-in service

Parents with concerns about any aspect of their child's wellbeing or development are welcome to connect with Lesley. Meetings are confidential. Lesley is a counsellor with extensive experience and the service is free.

Lesley is available to talk with parents and this may be done by phone or Zoom at the moment. Please let Juliana or Kathryn know if you would like to connect with Lesley.

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Skids – promotion

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Calendar of Events

Our calendar will be updated when events are able to be held

Term Dates for 2020

Term 2: - Friday 3 July (10 weeks)

Term 3: Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September (10 weeks)

Term 4: Monday 12 October - Friday 11 December (9 weeks)

Teacher only days: Friday 29 May & Monday 20 July