

# Week 7, Term 3, 08 September 2021

Kia ora, talofa lava, mālō e lelei, 问候, namaste, 인사, 拝啓, mabuhay, bem vindo, fakalofa lahi atu, kia orana, kohomada, bula vinaka, huān yin, foon ying, marhaba, oso oseyo, olà, bonjour, ia orana, welcome!

#### Mālō e lelei,

It is hard to believe that we have arrived in September, halfway through Week 7 of Term 3, and we still find ourselves in Alert Level 4. I am hoping that we will, at least, move to Alert Level 3 when the Prime Minister makes her call next Monday afternoon.

Auckland has had a difficult time over the past two weeks, not only being in Alert Level 4 but also having the floods out in the north western suburbs and the terrible event that took place at the supermarket in New Lynne last Friday. Our hearts and thoughts go out to those whose homes were flooded, and to those who were involved in the terrifying incident at the supermarket. Please be aware that these events could have strongly impacted those around us, so please remember to be kind.

On a more positive note, I have enjoyed popping into zooms and Seesaw, seeing what learning the tamariki are engaging in. It has been lovely to see the happy faces of our tamariki and the enthusiasm they have for connecting with their peers, Kaiako and their learning. There have been extra zooms running for the Tournament of Minds team and the Music Leaders as well. Some great mahi being done.

As we currently remain in Level 4 our distance learning programme continues. Thank you to all our whānau who have managed to engage in the distance learning programme or have been working on the hard packs. We understand that every household has differing circumstances, so please only do what can be managed in your household. The wellbeing of your whānau is paramount at this time.

#### A Possible Move to Alert Level 3

We need to be prepared for a possible move to Alert Level 3, if the Prime Minister makes that call on Monday afternoon. It will help me to plan ahead if I have an idea of how many of our tamariki we may expect to attend kura at Alert Level 3.

The Prime Minister has said that at Alert Level 3 schools are closed but can open to support the tamariki of those households where there is not an adult home because all adults need to leave the household to go to work. I know that this is tough and that many tamariki would like to return and many whānau would like the tamariki to return. However, at Alert Level 3, things are not that different from Alert Level 4, except that more folk are able to go to work. We have a number of teaching staff who are unable to come into work at Alert Level 3 for a variety of reasons. We are also only allowed to have 10 tamariki in a bubble and each bubble will need 3 staff members to allow breaks to happen. "Bubble School" is very different from what the tamariki are used to. They must work in a designated space and are required to keep a metre away from others. All surfaces need to be regularly cleaned throughout the day and the playgrounds are closed. They cannot use shared physical education equipment and the use of play equipment in the classroom is limited as it needs cleaning daily. Tamariki will be dropped off at staggered times between 8.45am and 9am and picked up at staggered times from 2.30pm until 2.55pm. The school gates will be locked outside of

these hours as we will be running with a skeleton staff, and all staff are required to be offsite after 3pm. These are all directives from the Ministry of Education to ensure that everyone is kept safe. If you are in a household where all the adults are required to leave the house to attend work and your tamariki need to attend "Bubble School" during the hours outlined above, you will need to register your tamariki by emailing me: <a href="mailto:meganc@rops.school.nz">meganc@rops.school.nz</a>. It would be ideal to have these registrations in by this coming Friday at 3pm, despite when we may go to Alert Level 3.

#### COVID-19 Support/Reminders/Other Opportunities to Support learning at Home

There is a lot we can all do to protect our whanau and community from COVID-19 including:

- Everyone must continue to stay home in their bubble
- Do not mix with other household bubbles if they have COVID-19, it can easily spread to your household, and every other household they and you are connecting with
- As new cases are identified, <u>new locations of interest are added to the Ministry of Health</u> <u>website</u> - please keep checking this. You can search by your location, and they are sorted by date, so you only need to check the locations which have been added when you last checked
- Wash your hands regularly, especially when you have been out in public
- Stay home if you are feeling unwell and seek advice about whether you need to get a test
- Wear a face covering when out and about, and you MUST wear a face covering in any businesses or services which are open at Alert Level 4 (unless you have specifically been exempted from doing so, which includes anyone aged under 12)
- Keep a two-metre distance from people outside your household bubble
- Check in using the <u>NZ COVID Tracer App</u> wherever you go or keep a manual record (a reminder the App only stores information on your own phone no one else will know who it is that checked in, or when)
- You can go to the <u>COVID19.govt.nz</u> website if you would like more information on Alert Level <u>4 requirements</u>.

## Schedule for Home Learning TV | Papa Kāinga

The programming schedule for Home Learning TV | Papa Kāinga on the <u>Learning from Home website</u> is now available as a downloadable PDF to make it easier to distribute to parents and whānau. See the schedule here. Live and on-demand television content

#### Mauri Reo, Mauri Ora

In partnership with Māori Television, the Mauri Reo, Mauri Ora Kōanga 2021 series has been launched to ensure Māori language learning can continue anywhere, anytime for tamariki during and after Alert Level 4.

- The channel is full of new and engaging content, whilst also taking the chance to revisit some of the more popular lessons of the show enjoyed by tamariki in the comfort and safety of their bubbles.
- Every episode is presented by Māori language teachers and exponents with support from expert educationalists. Tamariki are encouraged through play, art, song and imagination to continue learning whether they are in a classroom, at home or in isolation.
- Mauri Reo, Mauri Ora Kōanga 2021 screens on Te Reo channel every weekday from 9am to 12pm beginning today. Programmes will also be available online on the <u>Māori TV</u> website and on the Māori+ app.

## Home Learning | Papa Kainga TV

• Home Learning | Papa Kāinga TV is back online and on television weekdays between 9am-1pm.

- Home Learning | Papa Kainga TV is primarily for learners without internet connectivity. It can be accessed on Duke+1 (Freeview channel 18). Those households who have Sky can also access Duke +1 on channel 504.
- For households who have internet connectivity they can access the lessons through TVNZ On Demand. Schedules are published on <u>Learning from Home</u>.
- Households may also need a reminder of how to enable captions <u>information can be found</u> <u>here</u>.

#### Kia Manawaroa: Information hub for whānau Māori

Kia Manawaroa is a dedicated channel for whānau Māori with tamariki and rangatahi in the education system.

In times of COVID-related change, Kia Manawaroa focuses on providing practical information to help whānau and is sent out as and when significant changes or announcements are made.

- <u>read the latest issue of Kia Manawaroa here</u>
- <u>subscribe to Kia Manawaroa here</u>.

If you have any questions or comments about Kia Manawaroa, please send an email to: <u>Kia.Manawaroa@education.govt.nz</u>

Finally, we know some families in our community may be finding it difficult to access food and essential items such as medicine. This information about <u>how to access to food or essential items</u> summarises the supports that are available, including financial help to buy food.

#### Board of Trustees

The next meeting will be held at 6.00pm on Monday 27 September - hopefully in the staffroom! As usual, you are very welcome to attend - depending on Alert Level. Our curriculum focus for this meeting will be on inquiry and local curriculum.

I will provide you with an update following the Prime Minister's announcement next Monday 13 September.

Please do take care and let us know how we can best support you and your whānau.

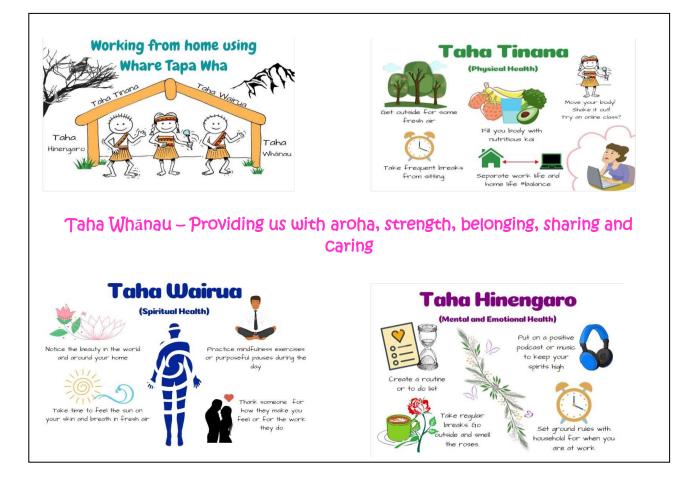
Keep safe and well. Kia kaha Malo 'aupito

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Te Whare Tapa Whā (Mason Durie) to Support Your Wellbeing During Alert Level 4



# **Community Notices**





## **College Rifles Touch Rugby Dates**

- 28th/29th October 2021 to 9th/10th December 2021 (7 weeks) GIRLS ONLY
- \*Christmas Break\*
- 10th/11th February 2022 to 10th/11th March 2022 (5 weeks)

# THURSDAY NIGHT GRADES

- 4:30pm Yr 1&2 and 3&4
- 5:00pm Yr 5&6

# FRIDAY NIGHTS GRADES

- 4:30pm Nursery and 3&4
- 5:00pm Yr 5&6

Registrations have just opened for our junior module. Please be aware that some grades may sell out fast.

INDIVIDUAL PLAYER REGISTRATION

https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/168839