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Kia ora koutou

We hope that you are all continuing to cope well during Alert Level 3. Many parents will be returning to work in some capacity and judging from the increase of vehicles on the roads it feels as though things are slowly beginning to move again.

Thank you for your support in keeping as many children at home as possible. This has allowed us to comfortably manage a small number of children at school-we have been operating 2 separate bubbles. Thank you also for your support with your child's learning over the past few weeks. We also acknowledge that for many families the lockdown has been a challenging time and we wish you all the best-we are almost there!

Just a small information update on a few matters regarding a possible move to Alert Level 2. Tomorrow (Thursday) the **Ministry of Education will be providing schools with guidance for operating in Alert Level 2.** We will then be all waiting for the Government announcement on Monday to find out if the country is ready to move. I can assure you that we will be following all of the MOE advice and guidance around health and safety. We will have developed a thorough plan around health and safety, including the well being of staff, students and families being of utmost importance. In the meantime please continue to do what you have been doing in supporting your children with their learning, keeping in touch with teachers as required and maintaining a healthy balance at home.



Thank you to everyone who filled out the surveys last week on our distance learning. Again it is very useful for us to ensure we are meeting the needs of our learners-thanks for the feedback!

Internet Safety and Online Behaviour

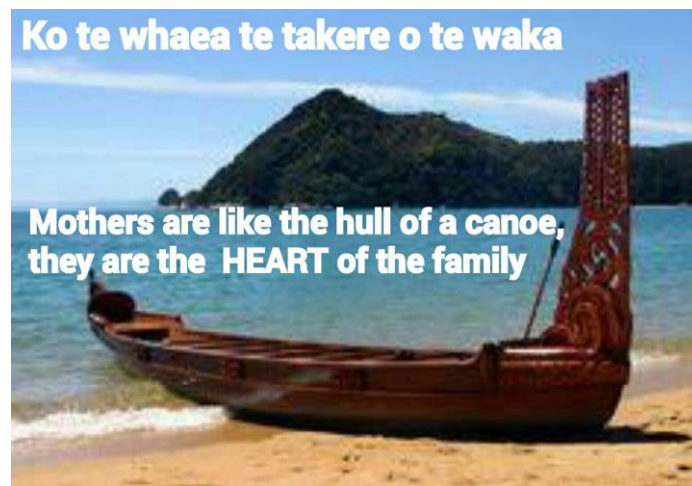
Over the last few days it has been brought to our attention that some children have been going into others accounts and there has been some unkind online behaviours. We have notified our IT providers who are looking into this for us and are also in the process of individualising children's school email passwords. This is something which we have been discussing prior to Covid19 and the time spent in lockdown has highlighted this issue. Going forward this will be actioned as soon as the children return to school. In the meantime can you please discuss the following message from our Cyber safety agreement

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- **Keep it kind.** Think about others online and talk or share in respectful ways..
- **Keep it careful.** Because things you do or say online can be seen by others, be careful to share the things you can feel proud of, or would be happy sharing with someone face to face.
- **Keep it positive.** Always respect others online and communicate in a positive, respectful way.
- **Avoid online bullying.** Creating or forwarding content that is harmful or hurtful towards someone else is not okay at any time.
- **Respect others' rights.** Always ask first if you need to use someone else's device, online sites, and their image, ideas, creations or work that's stored online. Only log on using your username and not allow anyone else to use your username or account.
- **Seek help.** Sometimes you or someone you know will feel unsafe or come across bad or harmful content online. If this happens talk to a trusted adult about what can be done
- **Use the internet appropriately.** Only access the Internet , including the use of email for learning purposes during school hours. Only search for things online that you know are acceptable. This means nothing that is rude, violent or uses unacceptable language.

Kids will be kids and it is important that 'we adults' support and guide them to be safe, responsible and active users of the internet.

I'll be in touch again after Monday's announcement. Have a nice week, weekend and Happy Mother's Day to all of our mums!



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Ngā mihi nui,

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