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Kia ora Parents, Children and Whānau

Greetings to you all from Kapakapanui School in Alert Level 3! We hope that you are well and coping as best you can with the new way in which we are all living. It is hard to believe how much the world has changed in just a few months, who would have thought that we would be so familiar with terms such as pandemic, alert levels, lockdown, physical distancing, bubbles, zoom and hangout etc!



In saying that the weather has been fantastic which has certainly made things easier and from the conversations and emails I have had with many people, it is clear that many of you have enjoyed slowing down and spending time with family and learnt to work and learn in different ways. Google hangouts and Zoom have allowed people to connect with each other and maintain relationships.

As you will be well aware, school returned this week for children whose parents are working. We have established 2 bubbles and had

around 14 children attend school. The children have been great at washing their hands and hand sanitizing frequently as well as keeping their physical distance from each other. They have been maintaining good hygiene practices and playing nicely without touching each other's equipment, balls, bikes or books.

Thank you to John Brunton, Michelle Whitaker and Lyn Stroud who have shared the teaching duties this week. This has allowed our teachers to continue teaching from home. Thank you to everyone who made alternate arrangements with your work and child care. The number of children currently at school is manageable, however it would have been a much greater challenge had more children attended school.



Distance Learning Survey

Thank you for completing the survey last week, **we had over 300 responses** which has allowed us to tweak and refine our distance/home teaching programmes.

A reminder that if your child is finding the work either too hard or too easy, or you are too busy juggling things, please contact the teachers to let them know.

We were particularly interested in the following responses to the question:

“Overall, I think that home/distance/online learning that has been provided is...”

Responses (over 300) were....

- About right=78%
- Far more than they can handle-1%
- A bit more than they can handle-11%
- Less than they need-7%
- Far less than they need-1%

So on balance we are hitting the mark which is pleasing to date, however we are keen to continue seeking your feedback as it is important that we get this right.

We would be grateful if you could complete the survey for this week. Please click the links below to complete the survey for your child’s syndicate-there are 6 questions.

[Week 2 Survey-Nga Kakano \(Years 1 & 2\)](#)

[Week 2 Survey-Nga Kaitoro \(Years 3 & 4\)](#)

[Week 2 Survey-Nga Kaipatai \(Years 5 & 6\)](#)

[Week 2 Survey-Rangatahi \(Years 7 & 8\)](#)

Wellbeing

While online learning is important foremost in our mind is the wellbeing of whānau. If you are experiencing any difficulties or require any support, please do not hesitate to make contact.

I encourage students to keep engaged in their learning at their level and situation, take breaks, balance the use of technology and enjoy some physical exercise. Remember to stay in your bubble, keep your distance from others not in your bubble and **wash your hands frequently**. We have to continue to stay safe and keep others safe.

2020 Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science competitions

Once again this year the University of Canterbury is delighted to offer the Great Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science competitions for Primary, Intermediate and Secondary schools. The Kiwi competitions are written by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students and are based on the New Zealand Curriculum. The online competitions will be run in the last 3 weeks of Term 2 and the first week of Term 3. All participating students will be awarded a certificate and prizes will be awarded to top students in each year. Entry forms are available from the school office (form attached).

All entries in by Wednesday 13 May please.

In Closing

I want to congratulate you all on your efforts to keep engaged with your education but most of all for doing your part to help New Zealand beat Covid 19. Thank you to those of you who worked during the lockdown period. For any families who have suffered the loss of loved ones, had physical or mental health struggles or financial difficulties our aroha and thoughts goes out to you.

Take care.

Kia Kaha, Kia Maia, Kia Manawanui!
Be strong, be brave, be steadfast!



Final thoughts....

I'm loving watching Michael Jordan-The Last dance on Netflix!