

Monday 4th May, 2020

Kia ora koutou

Welcome everybody to Week 4 of Term 2. Our term will go till Friday July 3rd. I am not sure when we will all be back at school. The Prime Minister will make the decision with the advice of Dr Ashley Bloomfield and her cabinet next Monday 11th May at 4pm. They will decide if we go to Level 2 or stay at Level 3.

The Ministry of Education are working closely with the Minister of Health to let school know this week what Level 2 will look like for schools. As soon as I know something I will let you all know.



ANZAC:

I have been really impressed to see the work that our children are doing. While I was at school last Thursday I had a phone call from Colin Murray. He was extremely overwhelmed with the effort the children at Ngutunui school put into his book and the display in front of the school. His family took him down to school to have a look at the crosses and the beautiful work that was on display. Thank you again for your support with this, it really did mean a lot to a man who has given so much.

WELBY INGS:

I was privileged to listen to Professor Welby Ings last week. He was hosting a webinar on how to keep relationships at the forefront of learning and teaching from home. I found this particularly interesting. He was explaining how he spoke with his mother in the past week about when she was a child and the polio epidemic hit NZ. Schools had to close and the children were taught from home, just like they are at the moment. There was no internet or computers back then. However the Ministry sent out books and activities for every child. Just like they have done again. Welby asked his mum what she remembered about her learning from home during this time. Her reply was that she learnt how to ride a horse, how to ski down the hills on the farm using her brand new roman sandals and how her mum taught her to preserve fruit, something she is still doing to this day. What I took from his talk was that we are all living in a historic period, we will all remember the 2020 lockdown, but in years to come when our children are old and grey, what will they remember? I want it to be time well spent with their families making memories. Please don't stress over the work that is given to your child to do. It is their teachers job to provide them with work while they are away from school. However if they are learning on the farm, shearing, shooting, riding their bikes, baking, playing with their siblings then that is fine, that is learning. We are here to help, not to add any extra stress to the family. Enjoy this time with your children, before we know it we will back into our crazy fast lives again.



SCHOOL ZOOM:

The teachers and I thought it would be a great idea for everyone who can, to join us for a fun zoom meeting on Wednesday at 3.30pm. All the teachers will be there, including myself. We would like as many of our children to join as well. This is only for the children. I think it is important for our small school to touch base with each other and for everyone to see all their friends, not just the ones in their class. This is going to be a fun interactive session where every child will get to share if they want. I'm really looking forward to it.

"Life is a journey to be
experienced,
not a problem to be
solved."



-Winnie the Pooh

SHOP LOCAL
EAT LOCAL
SPEND LOCAL
ENJOY LOCAL

START THE TREND!

SUPPORT THE LOCAL
BUSINESSES WHO SUPPORT
THE AREA WHERE YOU LIVE,
WORK AND PLAY.

SHOP LOCAL:

In times like this we need to be supporting our local community. Below are a list of people who have supported us over the past year with giving to the school. This is our time to say thanks. Please if you can support these people, times like these are about giving back.

Tyre Boss - Otorohanga

Hadads - Otorohanga

Luptons Engineering - Otorohanga

Hamills - Te Awamutu

Vetora - Te Awamutu

Dairy Worx - Te Awamutu

Wrights Fishing - Te Awamutu

Devoy Panelworks - Te Awamutu

Total Automotive Engineering - TA

Bunnings - Te Awamutu

Anika Ann Photography - Te Awamutu

Four Square - Pirongia

Norwex - Miriam Deuschle

Farm Source

Corson Maize

Heiniger NZ

Takanini Feeds

Finch Contracting

RD 6 - Barry and Linda

RD 3 - Kerry Symes

Vetora - Otorohanga

Good Guys hire - Otorohanga

Kiwiana Crafts - Otorohanga

Showcase Jewellers - Te Awamutu

Pak n Save - Te Awamutu

Vetent - Te Awamutu

Paper Plus - Te Awamutu

The Warehouse - Te Awamutu

BnC Engineering Ltd - Te Awamutu

Flay's Berry Garden - Te Awamutu

Kevin McGregor - Helicopter Charter

Rangimere Bush Retreat

Scentsy - Marcia Flay

PGG Wrightsons

JSWAP

Ballance Agri Nutrients

Stoney Creek

Greenlea Meats

RD 8 - Jo Scott

RD 1 - Jill Morley

If you are interested have a go at the Family Bingo.

Quarantine Bingo: Promoting Family Connection

See how many of these activities you can complete with your child. The goal is to build social skills, promote connection and build coping strategies to deal with the stress and change during the pandemic. Wishing you all well!					
Cook a meal with your child. Initial and date:	Ask your child to read to you. Initial and date:	Listen to music together. Sing along, harmonizing helps us deal with stress. Initial and date:	Practice mindfulness together: Take 10 deep belly breaths and notice how you feel. Initial and date:	Tell your child what you love about them. Initial and date:	Plant something and watch it grow. Initial and date:
Monitor how they use the internet on their phone or home computer. Discuss ways to be safe. Initial and date:	Share 3 things you are grateful for. Initial and date:	What are your family traditions? Create a new tradition during this time. Initial and date:	Exercise together. Do the '7 minute workout' or another form of exercise in your home. Initial and date:	Ask your child what they want to be when they are older. Talk about steps to meet their goals. Initial and date:	Make a list of all the things that are great about your family. Initial and date:
Play a board game as a family instead of a video game. Initial and date:	Practice compassion and forgiveness. Initial and date:	Celebrate small wins! Notice what others did right instead of what they did wrong. Initial and date:	Make artwork together. Draw, color, make a collage, act out a play... Initial and date:	Look through family photos and tell stories of when your child was young. Initial and date:	Have your child interview a grandparent about what it was like when they were little. Initial and date:
We are all feeling a lot of emotions right now. Talk about how you are feeling as a family and how you cope. Initial and date:	Play hide and seek. Initial and date:	Sit down for a meal together without the TV on. Initial and date:	Random acts of kindness. Do something nice for another member of the family and don't tell them you did it. Initial and date:	Learn something new: a dance, a craft, a phrase in another language. Learning together is fun! Initial and date:	Share joy with others. Put a sign with a positive statement or write a letter to a neighbor. Initial and date:

Have a super week and I look forward to talking to the children on Wednesday. Here is the zoom link if your teacher hasn't already sent it. Stay safe and hopefully we will see you all soon.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73391676506?pwd=YVlpR2RrMmc1U2F3QXY4SFN0YTJ0Zz09>

Meeting ID: 733 9167 6506

Password: 2p6Fjx

Ngā mihi

Cleonie Whyte

Principal



Annual Ngutunui School Bus Review 2020:

After our recent questionnaire/community consultation we would like to continue to follow up on a few things that have been highlighted that are important to you. ie school uniforms
We would like to ensure we review our current bus run on an annual basis – so we are looking after our current school family needs, if your able to complete below this would be very helpful.

Do you have access to the school bus service? YES / NO

Where do you live?

Does the bus go past your HOUSE / ROAD (circle one)

If so, do you use the school bus service? YES / NO

How long are your children on the bus for each day?

If YES, both am & pm?

If NO, why is it you don't use the school bus service

Any further comments you may have?