

Taloja, Kia Ora, Kia Orana, Malo e lelei, ស្ងួ ស្ងួ Suostei, Māuri Pomare School Newsletter

Term Two, Week One, 17 April 2020



Kia ora whānau

I really don't know where to begin this newsletter - the first for Term Two! Welcome back to a new style of school, I guess, will have to do for now.

From what we can see, most of you are fully engaged with the Home Learning and are on your way to becoming digital wizards. It has been a very fast learning curve for all of us. Well done everyone! I would particularly like to thank my wonderful teachers for the hard work and time they have put in to getting the Home Learning up and running. You are amazing!

Just in case you have missed the updates, here are a few reminders from us:

Technical stuff!

- If you are having any trouble with your ipad, chromebook or laptop, please let your child's teacher know. We have technicians we can ask for help
- If you are clicking into a link (often it is highlighted in blue) another address will drop down. It is that address you need to click onto again and the page should open
- If a link won't open, it may be because the device does not like it or is not compatible with it. Email your child's teacher and they can resend it to you in another format
- Please take care of our devices. They are very precious to each class, and expensive

Getting your child working!

- It is important that your child's days are productive but not stressful, so please, if your child is finding the workload overwhelming, choose to do less. Mix it up with fitness, walks, non-screen tasks, creative activities and relaxation
- On the other hand, if your child is doing nothing, please remind them that this is now learning time and technically, we are 'back at school'. The Google Meets (or hangouts) are a great time for them to reconnect with their classmates and their teacher. The teachers are looking forward to seeing **all** of their students at scheduled meetings. Click into the link they have been provided on their timetable.

Welfare and Support

- Everyday we are thinking of you all and trusting that you are coping. If you are in need of support, please do not be too proud or shy to get some. The following agencies can be contacted for food, clothing, and other supplies:
 - Email requests for food parcels to – Wellington.foodbank@salvationarmy.org.nz
 - DO SOME GOOD: “Pomare School is one of our partners and we would like to offer support to any whanau who may need it during lockdown. We are working with the Ministry of Social Development who will deliver a box of essentials to your home (food, toiletries, clothes etc) If you would like to register for this delivery or would like to know more about this feel free to get in touch with me. I am happy to answer any questions.”
Leigh: Hello@vsctrust.org.nz
 - Our Social Worker Karen Elliott is happy for you to call or email her
Karen Elliott Social Worker in Schools
email Karen.Elliott@barnardos.org.nz
m +64276091920
 - Of course, if you are in any sort of danger, please dial 111
- If there is anything that you think school can help with please email me (Cilla) principal@pomare.school.nz or contact your child’s teacher via their email which you will have now.
- Keep checking the Pomare School Facebook posts for updates and helpful links

We really don’t know what is in store as far as returning to school is concerned. I will wait until we hear on Monday from the Government, where we head next. When that happens, I will send you a clear directive regarding the children returning to school.

On behalf of the Pomare staff, I send you very warm greetings and hope that you and your loved ones are all safe and making the best of this home time. Have a lovely weekend.

Hei kōnā

Cilla

How my kids walk by a sink full of dishes...



My friend sent me this. I hope our Pomare kids are better in the kitchen!

And you can find a link to the [Skinny Data offer here](#)

