



Kia ora koutou

We have started into a new phase of New Zealand's response to COVID-19 and it is very different from anything most of us have ever experienced. I wanted to reassure you that our school staff and Board of Trustees will continue to be available to support your child's learning and wellbeing in the next few weeks.

You will understand the importance of routine for your family. If your routine has been shaken up, like you're now working from home, it's good to structure your time. Routines are reassuring, and promote health and physical wellbeing. The below timetable (targeted at children) could be something your household adapts to use over the next few weeks. A school holiday version will likely look a little different, but some form of routine will still be important as we go through the lockdown period.

***Below is an example of a daily schedule - this is an example and should be modified to meet the needs of your family:***

		Examples of possible activities
Before 9:00am	Wake up	Eat breakfast, make your bed, get dressed, put any dirty clothes in the laundry
9:00-10:00	Morning walk	Family walk e.g. with the dog, bike ride. If it's raining you could use an exercise video on youtube. <a href="#">25 Exercise Games and Indoor Activities to Get Kids Moving</a>
10:00-11:00	Learning at home	School-led learning or Sudoku, books, flash cards, study guide, journal etc
11:00-12:00	Creative time	Legos, K-Nex, construction, drawing, crafting, play music, cook or bake etc.
12:00 pm	Lunch :)	
12:30	Helping at home	Fold laundry, tidying toys, empty dishwasher, set table, wash vegetables, tidy bedroom, vacuum, dust shelves, weeding the garden, etc
1:00-2:30	Quiet time	Reading, puzzles, nap, radio NZ stories, board games, colouring in, toys like cars and dolls
2:30-4:00	Learning at home	School-led learning or iPad games, Prodigy, Sumdog, sunshine online, educational shows.
4:00-5:00	Afternoon fresh air	Bikes, walk the dog, play outside
5:00-6:00	Dinner :)	
6:00-8:00	Free TV time	Kids shower time
8:00-9:00pm	Bedtime	All kids

*\*Adapted from a resource developed by Jessica McHale Photography*

There are links below to more wellbeing information to support your family during the lockdown.

Some good news to support you either working at home and/or studying at home - Spark, Vodafone, Vocus/Slingshot, 2Degrees and Trustpower have all advised they have removed their data caps and the possibility of any extra charges based on usage.

For our Pacific families, if you are not aware the Ministry for Pacific Peoples' has been working to ensure useful information is available to Pacific peoples. A one-hour special will be aired on Tagata Pasifika's segment on **Saturday at 9am**; and on **Sunday at 7.35am**, Tagata Pasifika will share messages from community leaders. The Ministry is asking you to reach out to all your family members, community groups, friends and group chats to ensure our Pacific community groups are watching the programming on both days.

A big thank you to all of you for taking the lockdown so seriously. As the Prime Minister has noted, staying at home will break the chain and save lives; breaking the rules could risk someone close to you and if the rules are not complied with, this could risk the lock down period being extended or could risk the virus being spread to thousands.

Our teachers will be in contact with families and students by email once schools 'reopen' for digital learning on Wednesday 15 April. If you have any queries regarding teaching and learning programmes, please direct any questions to your child's class teacher. Class teachers will share some appropriate online learning links. Teachers will be checking emails periodically during the holidays (30 March - 14 April 2020).

The following links to information and resources to support well being and support learning at home have been provided by the Ministry of Education (*click on the underlined links to open*):

- [Information for parents and whānau](#). This includes links to home learning for years 1 – 4, 5 – 8 and years 9 – 13.
- The Ministry of Education has developed a resource for parents, caregivers, whānau and family - <http://education.govt.nz/school/health-safety-and-wellbeing/pastoral-care-and-wellbeing/talking-to-children-about-covid-19-coronavirus/>.
- The Ministry of Health's website includes [Top ways to look after your mental wellbeing](#) during the Covid-19 lockdown.
- I AM HOPE is the youth and community focused support group run by The Key to Life Charitable Trust, started by Mike King - <https://www.iamhope.org.nz/>
- Nathan Wallis has some helpful videos on his Facebook page for parents and whānau - <https://www.facebook.com/nathanwallisfactorededucation/>
- Tips on looking after mental health and wellbeing during COVID-19 from the Mental Health foundation <https://www.mentalhealth.org.nz/get-help/covid-19/>
- a website by the Health Promotion Agency to help New Zealanders recognise and understand depression and anxiety - <https://depression.org.nz/covid-19/>
- Although overseas-based this is a good list and highlights some things particularly important for children. Remember the rules of New Zealand's level 4 lockdown still apply - [25 Mental Health Wellness Tips during Quarantine from Eileen M Feliciano, Psy.D.](#)

Ngā mihi

Take care and keep safe.

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