



The Pukeko Call

OUR VISION - SUCCEEDING TOGETHER - TE ANGITU TAHI

“He waka eke noa” - We’re all in this together

We are all so excited to be opening our school on Monday and welcoming everybody back! It’s time for you all to revert to being mums and dads and leave your children’s school education to us. You have all worked so hard and have done an amazing job in really tough times. Over the last couple of weeks, the teachers have been working to prepare their classrooms and adapt conditions for the new normal.

What does our new normal look like? Our new normal is all about keeping our school bubble safe:

- We will have hygiene and cleaning routines in place that align with Ministry guidance.
- Parents/ caregivers will not be allowed into the school building during Level 2 unless there is an emergency or by prior arrangement.
- Children in Y4-6 need to be dropped off at the school gates, children in Y0-3 can be taken to an area outside their classrooms. Parents must say their goodbyes outside of the classroom.
- Teachers will be in class from 8.45am to ensure children are sanitising their hands on entry. Up to that time, children will not be allowed into the classrooms.
- We ask parents to play their part by continuing to keep physical distance when on school grounds.
- Pick-up will run the same way as drop-off. If your child is in Y4-6, please wait along the fence line until they come to you. If you are collecting your children from outside the classroom, ensure you maintain distancing.
- Please keep your children at home if they are showing any signs of sickness. We will be vigilant in school and be sending children home if they are in school and sick.

Further details can be found in the linked document.

<https://parents.education.govt.nz/essential-information/news-stories/covid-19-preparing-for-alert-level-2/>

As of Monday, online learning will stop as teachers put their focus and energy into the classrooms. If you are keeping your children home at Alert Level 2, please let the school know as soon as possible.

Lastly I would like to thank all of the staff who have kept learning going through lockdown. We were given an hour and a half to collect resources etc between the Level 3 announcement and being asked to leave the school site. Providing a remote learning experience on this scale with this time frame has been immense. Our teachers are to be congratulated for being adaptable in providing ongoing support and learning for our children.

Debbie

What have we learnt from lockdown?

We have missed 7 weeks of learning at school. I have heard that many people are concerned about children 'falling behind' because of this. Yes, they may have missed some classroom education...but fall behind whom?

WHAT IF

What if instead of falling "behind", this group of children are **ADVANCED** because of this?

What if they have more empathy, they enjoy family connection, they can be more creative and entertain themselves, they love to read, they love to express themselves in writing.

What if they enjoy the simple things, like their own garden and sitting near a window in the quiet.

What if they notice the birds and the dates the different flowers emerge, and the calming renewal of a gentle rain shower?

What if this generation are the ones to learn to cook, organize their space, do their laundry, and keep a well run home?

What if they've learnt to ride a bike, play a board game, do simple crafts, learn to bake, climb a tree, play without a screen?

What if they've learnt to understand the value of money, what's important and to live with less?

What if they've learnt to plan shopping trips and meals at home.

What if they've learnt the value of eating together as a family and finding the good to share in the small delights of the everyday?

What if they've learnt to just be, to be more resilient, to be content ?

What if they are the ones to place great value on our teachers and educational professionals, librarians, public servants and the previously invisible essential support workers like truck drivers, grocers, logistics, and health care workers and their supporting staff, just to name a few of the thousands that have taken care of us while we sheltered at home?

What if among these children, a great leader emerges who had the benefit of a slower pace and a simpler life to truly learn what really matters in this life?

What if they are **AHEAD**?

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One of our parents, Fiona Goodall, mum of Nina, asked if she could join us at school to photograph the school getting ready for Level 3, coming out of Level 4 lockdown. Her photographs of our school have gone global!

Check us out! Amazing!

<https://www.businessinsider.com.au/teachers-joined-facebook-groups-strike-support-during-school-shutdowns-2020-5?r=US&IR=T>

<https://www.the74million.org/article/photo-tour-what-school-class-safety-looks-like-in-8-countries-around-the-world-as-students-return-after-coronavirus/>

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School teacher Allie Stucke writes Covid-19 instructions on the white board for the small number of students returning on Tuesday. Photograph: Fiona Goodall/Getty Images

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