



The KPS Weekly

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Tēnā koutou katoa

As we head into Week 3 of the term and Alert Level 3, I would like to start by thanking you for your support. It was fantastic that so many of you replied to our survey and have found arrangements for students to stay at home. This has allowed us to have a small group of students at school which we can manage safely. Carol, Rachell and I enjoyed talking with many of you on Friday. As many of you said, you would like to get children back to school and life back to normal so thank you for continuing to keep them home a little longer.

Learning

I also want to thank you for supporting your children with their learning. I've managed to pop into a couple of Zoom meetings and I've seen a lot of great work on Seesaw. Our teachers continue to create learning content for you and appreciate that you are supporting your tamariki. Remember, we are only expecting you to manage what you can.

Today, we are setting up the school for students arriving tomorrow. This will mean that there may not be as many learning opportunities available for your students today. Take this opportunity to let them revise some work they have done or let their creativity out with some art. Several teachers will be on site during Alert Level 3 to supervise students at school. This will mean those teachers will not have as much time to provide online learning and respond to students' individual needs. Teachers who are coming on site will be in contact with you.

Learning Materials

During our phone conversations yesterday, we heard a lot of you asking for devices to help with learning. We have been able to deliver some of our school devices to homes and are looking to see if we can get any more out to whānau. The Ministry of Education has not indicated the likelihood of our students receiving devices and I will let you know as soon as they do.

The Ministry of Education wants to provide internet connection to all homes that currently don't have it. Carol rang around on Friday checking with whānau who may need it and we will update you on this when we have more information.

Many of you have received hard packs from the Ministry of Education which is fantastic. We are hoping for more of these to be delivered soon. We are also looking into creating learning packs at school that can be delivered and will give you more information on this when we can.

In the meantime, continue to support your tamariki as best you can. Don't stress too much if you are struggling to do this and contact us if you need some support starting with classroom teachers.

Staff

I would like to thank Kris Bolton who finished up with us on Friday. She has been a fabulous member of Kapiti Primary School and I know will be sorely missed by teachers, students and whānau alike. We wish her all the best as she heads off on her new adventure and will look forward to catching up with her when we can.

We would like to welcome Tina Ainslie to our staff who will be taking over in Ika Nui. She has already been meeting lots of students through Zoom and you can read her introduction here:

<https://sites.google.com/a/kapiti.school.nz/te-moana-online/meet-mrs-a?authuser=0>

Welcome aboard Tina.

Supporting whānau

Here is a link with some great ideas you might like to do with your family. They are some fun activities about staying positive:

<https://sparklers.org.nz/parenting/>

Thanks everyone for the big effort over the last five weeks. I look forward to having all our tamariki back at school when we reach Level 2. Stay well, do what you can with school work but please don't stress.

**Nga mihi nui,
Brent McDowell
Principal**