
Update 12 April

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Kia ora Waimairi whānau,

I hope you are enjoying Easter Sunday in your bubbles.

As promised yesterday, here is an update before Term 2 starts next week. There is lots of information here, so I will also do a Facebook Live session at 2pm today to clarify things for you.

Learning support staff

Under the leadership of Katrina, our support staff will be making contact with children they work with, and supporting them remotely. These systems will be set up during next week. Any special needs and learning support questions go to Katrina katrina.mclaughlan@waimairi.school.nz 03 352 9208 ext 810

Speech Language Therapy

Will continue in a remote format.

Mana Ake Social Work Support

Will continue in a remote format.

Phone contact

You can contact us by phone **during school hours**. Dial the school number 03 352 9208. When you hear the welcome message just dial the extension you need. Class teachers have already shared their extension numbers with you. Other helpful numbers are:

Mike 802
Nicki Hudson 813
Katrina McLaughlan 810
Office 801

Teacher availability

Our team is available during school hours. Please don't expect evening and weekend responses from them by phone or email.

Device dispatch

The MoE have changed the plan. If you have ordered a device for learning these

will be couriered from the stock we hold at school (not from Wellington). We are working this weekend to get this delivery process underway for you.

Closing points

Distance learning is a speciality branch of education. We are not distance learning experts. Our staff are working hard to translate their practice into a totally new environment at very short notice. Please be kind and supportive as they find their way next week (with many also supervising their own locked down children and their school work).

Each teacher knows that one size does not fit all. Some of you would prefer your children to be fully engaged in learning activities for extended periods of time. Some of you have work commitments which mean you can't be there keeping your children engaged in sustained learning periods. And some of you will fall somewhere in the middle.

If the system is not working for your family, please communicate with the teachers and things can be tailored to fit.

Stay safe. Let's beat this virus so we can all see each other again.

Nāhaku noa, nā

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