

ROCKS

Respect Originality Confidence Kindness Success

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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

School Open-essential	29 April –
NZ Music Month	May
Pink Shirt Day	17 May
Wearable Arts completion date	29 May
Queen's Birthday holiday	1 June
Planting Day	19 June

TERM DATES 2020

Term 2 2020	15 April – 3 July
Cohort Entry Date	18 May
Term 3 2020	20 July – 25 September
Term 4 2020	12 October – 18 December
Staff Only Days	24 August, 27 October 2020

WHAKATAUKI

Tangata ako ana i te whare, te turanga ki te marae, tau ana

A person who is taught at home, will stand collected on the Marae (meeting house grounds)

VALUE OF THE WEEK – PB4L FOCUS

Our value of the week is Originality

I think outside the box/square



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Hello, Talofa lava, Chao, Dia dhaoibh, Namaste, Giday, Guten Tag, Assalamulaikum, Ciao, Salve, Ayubowan, Fakaalofa atu, Hola, Susaday, Bonjour, Ni Hao

Kia ora,

Let's start with a big THANK YOU to everyone in our learning community. You are all doing a MAGNIFICENT JOB of staying at home and keeping everybody safe. It's hard to believe it is week 4 of Term 2 already. A full week at Covid 19 Level 3 has given us the opportunity to test and tweak our health and safety systems, basic hygiene processes and adjust to teaching in bubble/mirumiru.

A great activity for learning while at home this week is to stand in the middle and create a circle around you with a radius of 1 metre. This is your inside circle. Then repeat the exercise and create a circle with a 2 metre radius. This is your outside circle. You could do this in the sand on the beach, or on the beach with stones/shells, you could use chalk on the driveway or footpath, or you could use string or wool. I'll make sure to add this to our LOCKDOWN learning challenge site.

We look forward to hearing what the finer detail of Covid 19 Level 2 might look like for school's tomorrow (Thursday) and then like everyone else we will hear the Prime Minister announce on Monday 11th May when we might as a country move into Level 2. In the meantime, we'll carry on checking in with you all and doing what we can to support you at home.

The Board of Trustees met last Thursday and are pleased to announce that the WF Anderson Educational Foundation grant of \$6000 we received earlier this year will be spent on new library books and kapa haka uniforms.

We were joined by representatives from OCTA, our new project management team, who are progressing the Block A refurbishment as part of our 10 Year Property plan. After many frustrating setbacks and delays it's great to have a potential start date of early 2021.

Should you find yourself with an abundance of feijoas, a small bucket left in the front porch at school would be most appreciated.

Kia kaha
Kia māia
Kia manawanui

Tineke and the team

THANKS

Thank you to Chloe for donating the beautiful white planters and plants you will see in the foyer upon your return.

To Island Bay New World for the very generous donation of hand sanitiser, masks, gloves and spray bottles. We very much appreciate this – thank you so much.

RA WHĀNAU KIA KOE

Best wishes and happy birthday to Timothee (today) and Millie for 10 May. Enjoy your day in your special bubble.



FAREWELL

This week we farewell Alex (Harakeke) and his family from our school community this week. We wish you all the very best in your new school and town.



YUMMY APPLE STICKERS

Remember to start saving those Yummy Apple Stickers – ask your extended family and friends to collect these for us

We look forward to receiving our share of the sporting equipment in September.

