



Guidelines for Whanau - Hurupaki School Distance Learning

We hope this email finds you all safe and well. As soon as we hear of any changes to the school closure we will send out an email and post a message on our website homepage.

This message with guidelines for distance learning is posted on our website homepage below a short school welcome message. If you scroll to the bottom of the distance learning message on the homepage, you will find links to learning activities posted by the pod teachers. These links should all have activities posted by tomorrow. We felt that it was easier for parents to obtain the learning activities from one place in addition to them being sent via email or Seesaw by the teacher, as it can be frustrating identifying which email has the attachment.

General Expectations:

1. Make time for fun, view learning timeframes flexibly, and have a balance between online and offline learning during this time. Even though the learning might be received online that doesn't mean everything needs to be done online.
2. Teachers will be online between 9:30am and 12:30pm each day, Monday to Friday.
3. Check your emails/seesaw every day and reply if necessary. Learning activities will also be available from links on the website homepage.
4. We hope to use zoom or google hangouts for meetings with year 4-6 children, as well as phone calls, texts or emails for general communication. Let the teacher know if you need help.
5. Remember teachers will be with their families too, so know they will respond to your emails and give feedback as they can.
6. The Ministry of Education is providing many resources to support families with distance learning during this time. This includes a pack of physical resources that we hope each of our students will receive. Children without a device to use at home will hopefully receive a Hurupaki School chrome book to borrow. The ministry has also provided a helpful website <https://learningfromhome.govt.nz> to support families with lots of ideas. The Maori television channel will be a great resource during this time, as will a new learning television channel.
7. Put your health and the health of your family first. Give time for the 5 daily mental health practices; applicable for children and adults:
CONNECT – talk and listen to each other, build relationships with those around you
GIVE – your time, your words, your presence; do something nice for your family, a friend, a stranger
TAKE NOTICE – be curious
KEEP LEARNING – embrace new experiences, see opportunities, surprise yourself
BE ACTIVE – do what you can; enjoy what you do; move your mood.
8. Before getting your child to use a device, remember to discuss internet safety. Agree with your child about what they can and can't do online. Regularly check the sites and apps your child is accessing and who they are talking with. Remind your children that anything they post online will be permanently on the internet. It is a good idea to have children use the internet in an open,

common area of the house. Netsafe is available to provide support around online safety. To report an incident go to <https://www.netsafe.org.nz/reportanincident/>. If you think your child is a victim of online exploitation report it to the police.

9. It is a good idea to form some kind of daily routine when possible. This is up to you but could look like:

9:00am – 9:30am	Get moving , do something that gets your heart rate up, then have a snack and a drink so you are ready to learn.
9:30am – 10:30am	Learning time , choose and work on up to two activities from the online and/or physical learning pack/list/menu. Connect with your teacher online- e.g. email or google docs, and be punctual for any arranged zoom meeting or the teacher could phone or text about your learning.
11:00am – 12:00pm	Learning time (same as above but may include some passion project time)
1:00pm – 2:00pm	Free learning , explore <i>curiosity</i> – things you are interested in; explore <i>creativity</i> – make or create something; explore <i>skills</i> – practice a skill that you would like to get better at. Optional activities , play outside, cooking/baking, play games with others in your bubble, watch learning channel on television, construct, read, draw, sing, dance and create.

Thank you for your support. We wish you well at this time.

From Rob Posthumus (Principal), the Board of Trustees and the staff of Hurupaki School.