



Pukekohe North School

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Wednesday 15 April 2020

COVID-19 Update # 10

Kia Ora Whanau,

Today, students are to commence their learning for Term 2 2020.

Staff have shared Home Learning Ideas with you and a staff member will make contact with you this week to discuss how we can help more and answer any queries that you may have.

At this stage, we are expecting that you will receive your device / Home Learning materials NEXT WEEK (From 20 - 24 April)

If you needed a device or; if you have a device but could benefit from hard copy materials, these will be delivered to your home address.

What bothers me though, is that our staff were unable to make contact the whanau of 72 of our Pukekohe North School students.

That could mean that these students will miss out on having their learning supported until we return to school, whenever that is.

We will be made aware of the probable timetable for the re-opening of schools by next Monday when the Prime Minister addresses the nation.

I have ordered materials for EVERY one of our 292 students but I must get them directly to you. So, in the meantime, I want to catch up with any whanau that has not made contact with one of my teaching staff members.

Please contact me as soon as possible.

Please send a text to **021 051 7629** or email me at principal@pukekohenschool.nz

I thank the 8 families that made contact with me from our COVID-19 Update # 9. I have actioned all of your requests.

Please visit our school website to keep up with all updates and to review further Home Learning Ideas and useful Educational Sites. www.pukekohenschool.nz

Please do not hesitate to make contact with me if I can assist in any way.

Remember, The Ministry of Education has organised the following supports for New Zealand Learners.

Home Learning | Papa Kāinga TV will start education broadcasting for early learners and students in Years 1–10 from **9am on Wednesday 15 April, with Māori Television launching te reo educational programmes on the same day.**

Home Learning | Papa Kāinga TV will be free to air, on TVNZ channel 2+1 and on TVNZ on Demand, as well as on Sky Channel 502. It will run from **9am to 3pm on schooldays with programming for children and young people, as well as for parents.**

Content will be grouped for early learners and students by age range, and will include play, literacy, mathematics, science, te reo Māori, physical education and wellbeing. All of the programmes will feature highly experienced teachers and presenters, along with wellbeing and movement experts.

Keeping te reo Māori flowing in our kainga during times where we can't connect as usual is paramount. The distance learning package we are providing aims to offer many options to engage in te reo Māori educational content using online material, hardcopy resources and live tv.

Online learning – Ki te Ao Mārama

[Ki te Ao Mārama](https://www.kauwhatareo.govt.nz) is a new online space on [kauwhatareo.govt.nz](https://www.kauwhatareo.govt.nz) that provides whānau with practical advice, guidance and resources to use with their tamariki. It's also intended to support the learning plan that kaiako may have prepared for their ākonga.

The programmes on Māori television are for reo Māori learners of all ages, with a focus on those who are aged 0-18, covering ākonga in kōhungahunga (early learning), kura tuatahi (primary) and wharekura (secondary).

Free internet safety filter for parents

While children are learning from home, they are away from the online safety and security services provided by Network for Learning (N4L) at school. So together with N4L and Netsafe, we have launched www.switchonsafety.co.nz - a free way to block the worst of the web for students and teachers.

Nga mihi nui,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Matua Jim', with a long horizontal line extending to the left.

Matua Jim