

Email to parents post ZOOM

Kia Ora, whanau o Fruitvale

These are very different times, times that are challenging us all to step up and learn how best to navigate in a changing environment. I know that you are all doing your best in your bubbles to create patterns and routines in your households that best create the most happiness for all of you.

When Schools open to online learning on April 15 it will look and feel different.

Classes will not run from 9am-3pm. We will be doing our best as educators to help your children maintain and grow their learning.

Below is how I see it working for the Fruitvale learning community...

Week1 to Week 2:(April 15-24) will be checking that all systems are ok. Checking that Parents and students are feeling that the level and pace of work is appropriate for their family circumstances and that teachers are keeping kids engaged, finding out which activities engage which child.

Main focus in this 2 week period is engagement, raising familiarity, ensuring in as many homes as is possible resourcing is secured.

Week 3

Routines of interaction will be, 'close-to', up and running. We will be ironing out those areas that are persistently difficult.

Allocating staff to support either teachers, students or parents.

Week 4

Routines of interaction will be established and there will be a continuation until COVID is over.

It will be a Government call when we come out of Lockdown. We will be going to Level 3 on the call of the government and that may still mean we are isolating in our homes and schools will not be open. Please watch the news and we will keep you updated as things change.

A message From NZPrincipal's Federation President, Perry Rush

"Teachers are not expected to replicate the classroom in the home. Our teachers cannot possibly achieve that, and parents and caregivers are not trained teachers.

The number one goal of schooling currently is to nurture wellbeing.

Just as we know the value of strong relationships for successful learning and teaching, using this opportunity to help families nurture productive and supportive relationships in the home is the priority. Setting challenges that are fun and engaging; involving parents, to facilitate building cooperation and quality relationships. As teachers continue to support your students at home, I say, keep it simple; don't overcomplicate it.

From AJ Juliani...

In a matter of days, teachers and school leaders have had to take curriculum, resources, assessments, and lessons that were designed for an in-person (or at least blended) experience (and without any sustained training), turned it into a remote learning experience. This is hard work, but it is the only option.

On top of this process, educators are dealing with their own families, friends, and loved ones. Those they may be in quarantine with, and those that they may be worried about during this pandemic.

The families of students we are working with are also facing uncertainty, anxiety, and medical concerns

during this pandemic.

That is why this is not only "remote" learning, but "**emergency remote learning**"...

"We are all facing uncertain times. It is important that you use this 'at home' time well. Talk to your tamariki, play with your tamariki, create memories that will last a lifetime and be WARM Hearted.

Our Fruitvale expectation is that children WILL attend at school once school re-opens

- we will NOT be providing Distance Learning to those children who choose not to return on time

Please find below a list of helping agencies that you are able to access should you need to:

Many families may find it tough facing this current reality – children at home, cut off from family and friends, making ends meet, and high stress levels. If you or anyone you know wants some advice or support over this time here are some options that might be useful.

Support services that remain open:

- Womens Refuge 0800REFUGE
- Shine 0508 744 633
- Alcohol and Drug Helpline 0800 787 797
- Oranga Tamariki call centre 0508FAMILY
- CADS 09 845 1818
- Narcotics Anonymous 0800 628 632
- Alcoholics Anonymous 0800 229 6757
- Lifeline 0800 543 354 or free text 4357
- Youthline 0800 376 633
- Samaritans 0800 726 666
- Outline (LGBT) 0800 688 5463
- Depression Helpline 0800 111 757
- Suicide Prevention Helpline 0508 828 865
- The Fono (Social Services) 09 837 1780
- Counselling Free Call or Text 1737
- Healthline 0800 358 5453

Work and Income services centres are closed, however you can apply for assistance via MyMSD or phone the contact centre on 0800 559 009.

If you need some assistance with food these food banks may be able to help out, ring first for instructions of how they are operating to ensure physical distancing:

- Auckland City Mission, City 09 303 9200
- Salvation Army Henderson 09 837 4471
- Vinnies Auckland, Newton 09 815 6122 or 0800 6800
- Hope Centre, New Lynn 02108048436
- Vision West, Glen Eden (Mon, Wed, Fri only) 09 818 0716

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This is a very useful website: Auckland Emergency Management.

<https://www.aucklandemergencymanagement.org.nz/major-incident/covid-19>

- If you know someone who's needing financial assistance, please tell him/her to call the free government helpline 0800 779 997 (8am–1am, 7 days a week).

- If you know someone is feeling anxious or frustrated, or needs a listening ear, reach out to friends, family and whānau, they can call or text 1737 – free, anytime, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – to talk with a trained counselor.

Helpdesks

The Connected Learning Advisory helpdesk can assist leaders, teachers, kaiako and whānau to make full use of online learning environments and resources. CORE Education, which runs the helpdesk, will provide this and other online support from 8 am to 5 pm on business days. To contact the Helpdesk, call 0800 700 401. To speak with the Helpdesk in te reo Māori, call 0508 294 462.

If you have got this far through this newsletter thank-you...

All the best to you, your whanau and your household. We look forward to working alongside you during this transitional and challenging time.

Na Mihi Nui

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