

Kia Ora Koutou, Fakalofalahiatu, Namaste, Ni hao ma,
Talafa lava, Salaam Alakum, Kia Orana,



I hope all of you have found routines and excitement that have worked for you all in your bubbles and that all of you are well.



"Fruitvale School online", starts tomorrow... There seems to be light at the end of this COVID tunnel.... but not yet.

Moving from Level 4 to Level 3 may take weeks and... "Fruitvale School Online", starts tomorrow.

Each teacher, like each child, like you yourselves in your homes; will be working in a teaching and learning environment that is new to each of us.

The transition will take time.

As Teachers, we have been discussing how best to negotiate these coming days.

There will be 25 different family contexts at the end of each seesaw or google classroom post. Each of these family contexts may be vastly different to your own and teachers are trying to be sensitive to that mix as they build the work programme with their students.

Your child's teacher will need to understand firstly: who is able to access the work they are setting, the interactions they are putting in place. Once they know who is accessing the work, they will need to judge the engagement and pace to ensure that your job as parents at home, is minimised, and your children's confidence is being lifted and they feel in charge of their learning...taking responsibility, taking risks, respecting each of the bubble's members needs over this "Fruitvale Online Schooling", time. We will be getting your children to reflect on the tasks set and be resilient in getting to the solution or the completion of these tasks.

We know you are not teachers and will be wanting the children to do as much of what is set as is possible for them. Many of you will have great ideas and may even have time to guide them. This is always going to be useful.

Initially, teachers will be drawing on the skill-set of your child when they left the class room three weeks ago. As this skill-set is understood the teacher will look to stretch and round out through activities what can be done.

This will take time, this is all new. We, like you, want the best possible outcomes for all of us.

We are arranging for the computers required to get to the homes of those who don't have them. There are bottlenecks in this process. Patience is the key here, all of the distribution networks are being strained.

Getting the internet up and running for those who don't have Internet access is a priority of the government. I have no updates on this for you I'm sorry, except to say the government is doing what it can to see this up and running for everybody asap.

If you do not have internet access then currently your cellphone is the only option for achieving interaction with your child's teacher. I understand this may compromise your own work or communication needs and ask that as much as is possible you let us know what you are and are not getting.

Please see below for the TV times that the government has prepared for children during this time.

Thank-you all for remaining in your homes and in your bubbles. Three weeks into Lockdown and we are looking good for minimum of deaths and likelihood of coming out soon.... but not yet.

All the best for these next few days
Please let me know if I can assist in any way
Warmest
Na mihi nui

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. B. O.', followed by a period.

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