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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGES



Welcome to this shortened version of our newsletter. You will remember from the last lockdown that we also sent more regular but shorter newsletters. Like you, I will be watching the special announcement today from the Prime Minister although I don't expect to hear updates on level changes until early next week.

I have had the pleasure of joining more class video meet-ups this week. It is great to see students in their various learning environments, meeting some pets and soft toys. When I am working from home, I have been sharing my working environment. In between supporting students learning staff have been attending curriculum meetings, team meetings, leadership meetings and we have full staff briefings 3 times a week. All these meetings have been via Team meet-ups.

Have a fabulous weekend everyone and stay well. I will send out an update to you all early next week.

Sean Valvoi



OUR STAFF

Farewell and Welcome This week we say farewell to Mrs Anna Noy R5 Class Teacher as she heads off on **Maternity Leave**. We wish you all the best Anna and may your little one smile all day and sleep all night. We extend a warm welcome to Mrs Inger Cuthbert who began teaching in Room 5 this week!

Hi, my name is Inger Cuthbert (Mrs Cuthbert to the most important people!). My specialty and passion is all things Senior School... I'll be teaching your gorgeous kids in Room 5 through to the end of the year, and I am really looking forward to getting to know their amazing talents and personalities. I've been teaching in and out of full time for as long as I can remember, and can't wait to get started! Kids bring with them a really special and unique view of the world, full of energy and possibilities. I am surprised daily by the way in which they take their learning and curiosity to a new level, teaching themselves, their friends and me about the world we live in. I also love seeing the look of success, when tricky concepts 'click'... Their success is my success. I love learning as much as I love teaching, and can't wait for the kids in Room 5 to teach me all about their wonderful learning! I live in Bombay with my husband Nigel, and my two gorgeous children Toby (11 years old) and Ava (9 years old).



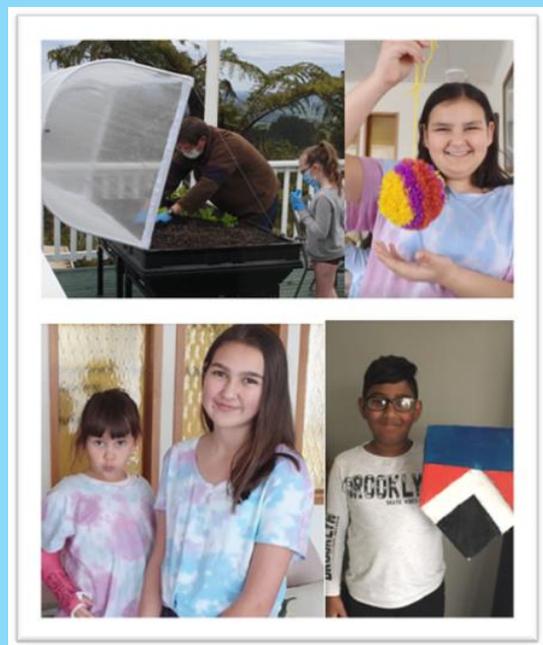
LEARNING AT HOME

Well done to our students, families, and staff for such a smooth transition from learning at school to learning at home. It has been lovely to pop into virtual classes and hear about the experiences that you are having. The learning includes environmental science, arts and crafts, textiles, literacy and maths. We are inspired by your creative and innovative designs and ideas.

An extract from The Harbourside by Francesca Y8

Today I woke up like I do every morning, another ordinary day, apart from the fact that we can't go to school, work, see friends or even just talk to our neighbours without having a two metre distance between us! So, I just stay inside most of the day, do school work, have some lunch, and once I have finished those tasks, I finally go out for my freedom; either a cycle or a walk around the beautiful harbourside.

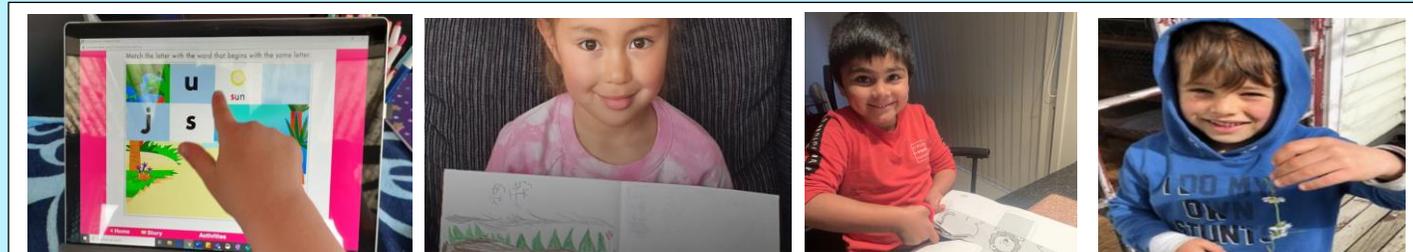
It's one of my favourite parts of the day since we've been in lockdown. Getting outside in the fresh air after spending all morning on my computer, listening to the little insects doing their little insect things, and of course the view of the water, the waves rippling in the breeze, and the crabs scurrying across the mud flats. Relaxation at last. A break from all the worry in the world going on right now.



LEARNING AT HOME

Home Learning TV | Papa Kāinga TV will take over TVNZ DUKE's daytime schedule 9am to 1pm on week days. Programming for younger children includes the popular Karen's House at 9am. DUKE is available on Freeview channel 13, Sky and Vodafone TV channel 23. It can be live streamed on the TVNZ website, www.tvnz.co.nz. All earlier episodes of Home Learning TV | Papa Kāinga TV remain available on TVNZ OnDemand.

Learning at Home during lockdown is ideal for putting learning into practice. Baking uses many mathematical skills like measuring and recognising numbers. You have to be able to recognise numbers to know what quantity of an ingredient goes into the bowl. Measurements need to be very precise to have a successful result. (Right)- Luke (R16) is measuring very carefully his ingredients. Some other junior learning at home, which happened this week, is pictured below.



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