

Opakeke School

Sharing, Caring,
Learning and Achieving

Established 1968

We are a Microsoft Showcase School



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGES



Welcome to, hopefully, our last shortened newsletter during Level 3.

I have now met online via teams video with all classes. It has been great to see the different learning environments. I even got to share my learning environment for the few days I worked from home. I am please to see the uptake for learning from distance was much quicker than last time as we all know what we had to do. We were also able to distribute almost 100 school devices in a week, which was much easier than the last time we were trying to do it in Level 4.

Please be sure that you have read the Parent Update sent out yesterday. This has a great deal on important information about returning back to school on Monday. Much of it will be the same as last time although we feel we have made some improvements from what we learnt. All staff have been briefed on the measures we are putting in place to keep students and staff safe onsite.

We will send a final shortened newsletter on Friday next week to recap how the first week back at school during Level 2 has been. We will resume our normal full length newsletters in Week 9.

I look forward to seeing all the staff and students on Monday.

Mr Valvoi



In the school Bubble



Anaru's poster of a policeman, who keeps us safe

Anaru is designing his poster



Amelia doing her writing



Damien in his fort

Francesca doing an obstacle course for Room one's 'Give it a Go' activities.



OUR STAFF

Junior Hub

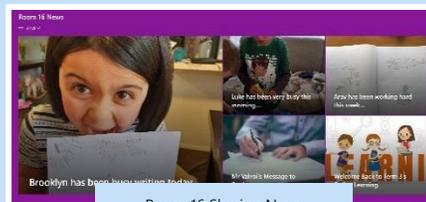
OPAHEKE SCHOOL

A warm welcome to Mrs Teresa Healy and Mrs Kathleen Tolmie who have joined the teaching team in the Junior Hub. It's great to have you back.

Alongside Mrs Williams these teachers have leapt right into online learning.

We hope you have managed to meet them on one of the Junior Hub connection calls.

Miss Shevone Kumar has moved to Room 16 as their class teacher as we farewell Mrs Suzanne Stowers.



Room 16 Sharing News

TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGE. Have a go.

Maybe you could make a mobile or wall hanging to hang up in your house!

Sooooo.....Your brief for this task is to construct a mobile or wall hanging that your mum would like.

The first thing you will need to do is to plan your mobile, that might mean drawing a picture of what you want it to look like.

Next you will need to collect the equipment to construct your mobile or wall hanging.

The next thing to do is to begin construction -that is to start creating your mobile or wall hanging.

As you construct your mobile you need to check that it is able hang up and that it looks like what you want. You might need to change some things and that is fine.

TECHNOLOGY STRAND/AREA
materials/information
EQUIPMENT
• challenge or stick
• cardboard
• wool or cotton
• scissors
• glue / crayons



You might like to use your mums favourite colours.

Junior Hub's Tech Challenge

MOBILE

Our classroom needs some brightening up! Some mobiles would be a good idea.

Design and make a mobile with 6 things hanging from it.

Your mobile should have a theme like favourite animals or toys or things from nature.

Invite someone to look at the classroom when you have all finished.

You will need:

- a coathanger
- a stick
- wool or cotton
- cardboard
- scissors
- twigs/crayons
- paper/magazines

LEARNING AT HOME



We can learn in different ways, in different places and using different tools. How do you like to learn?



The Spring Breeze by Alyssa

The new-grown leaves are ruffled by a spring breeze
 Blooming flowers and buzzing bees
 Fluffy clouds fill the sky
 Chirping sparrows fly by
 They perch on the bright green trees.

Climbing Higher
 Fresh green leaves, rough tree bark
 Gripping tight
 White soft petals, newly grown
 flowers
 Climbing higher
 Twigs and random foot holes
 Nearly there
 Nests of birds, tweeting from inside
 Don't disturb
 Fluttering wings, flying away
 Oops, sorry!
 Wind blowing, swaying the leaves
 Made it to the top
 Underneath grass and flowers grow
 Now to enjoy the view

By Uah 

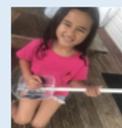
LEARNING AT HOME

Learning goes on and on and on... It has been encouraging to see students learning at home, applying the Opaheke School **learner dispositions**. One student from Room 23 suggested an art challenge to his fellow classmates- what a **challenge taker**, also challenge maker!

Room 11 students have been great **thinkers** and came up with ideas of people who help us when we are faced with a challenge. Certainly COVID-19 has been a huge challenge for us all with police and medical staff at the forefront of helping us.

Annie, Room 15 has been an **innovator** making a musical instrument by recycling materials.

*"Think left and think right and think low and think high.
 Oh, the thinks you can think up if only you try!"
 (Dr Seuss)*



Annie R15



Anraj suggests
 Police officers
 help us.



Grace suggests
 nurses like her
 Dad help us.

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