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Kia ora koutou, talofa lava, malo e lelei, kia orana, fakaalofa lahi atu, bula vinaka, greetings

Welcome to Term 2.

The new school term started officially on 15 April and it is certainly very different from how we usually start the term.

Learning@Home

While we remain in lockdown teachers will be attempting to connect with students and families via phone or email or our online Google Classrooms. Our Learning@Home document on the website also contains lots of ideas and links to learning resources. You may have been delivered a Home Learning Pack from the Ministry of Education. In addition, Home Learning | Papa Kāinga TV has started education broadcasting for early learners and students in Years 1–10.

Home Learning | Papa Kāinga TV is 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 school days with programming for children and young people, as well as for parents.

'Mauri Reo Mauri Ora', will broadcast via the Te Reo Channel on SkyTV and Vodafone TV Channel 52, Free view channel 15 and Māori TV website

<https://www.teaomaori.news/its-kura-your-own-home-mauri-reo-mauri-ora> from Monday to Friday between the hours of 9am-3pm for the next 10 weeks, starting on the 15th of April.

The programmes will be aligned to the curriculum and contain age appropriate content that tamariki can do on their own, with their siblings or together as a whānau.

Please remember we are not expecting you to homeschool your children but hoping to provide some interesting educational activities to keep them motivated and purposefully occupied. If you would like any further information about learning at home students or parents can email their class teacher. Email addresses are on our Wiri Central School website.

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, the Ministry of education has launched www.switchonsafety.co.nz - a free way to block the worst of the web for students and teachers.

Remember, no technical solution is perfect. It is still very important to supervise what your children do online. [Netsafe](http://www.netsafe.org.nz) provides great support and information about digital citizenship.

Foodbanks

There are lots of organisations that can provide support to families at present. We have placed some information about foodbanks on the school website - look under - Information for Parents/Newsletter

Return to School

While we remain under Alert Level 4 the school site continues to be closed. The Government is scheduled to make an announcement on Monday 20 April about whether we will remain at Alert Level 4 or move to Alert Level 3. Even if we move to Alert Level 3 school will not return to normal immediately. There will be time needed to ensure everything is cleaned and made ready for students to return. We will keep you up-to-date via the website and texts as we receive more information from the Ministry of Education.

Please keep checking the school website for updates and information during the COVID-19 Lockdown. The previous updates are still available on the website, look under the newsletter section.

Stay well, stay safe, stay home!

Ngā mihi

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Principal