

Ko Rāpare, tekau ma wha o Haratua : Thursday 14 May 2020

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We are at LEVEL 2 and look forward to seeing our families and children again on Monday... I'll bet that the kids have grown centimeters and perhaps lost a few teeth!  
Yeeha!!!!!!!

To follow on from last week's theme re changing times....



Today we are meeting as a staff to review what we have learned about ourselves as educators, our tamariki and our whanau. The last few weeks have been **amazing, challenging, frustrating and life changing** - sometimes all at once! Our young people will look back on this time and **their** children will ask about it!

As we move to Covid Level 2 and school closer to 'normal', we are asking ourselves **what is our 'new normal'**? We are determined to build on the great things that have happened and our BOT has been very supportive and we have purchased **100 more devices for our learners, which arrived today**. (It pays to know people in high places!!!)

This does not mean that our children will spend all day every day in front of a screen, but it does mean that we can take even more steps towards developing kids who are self managing and future focussed.

My grandson who turned five during lock down, can build using minecraft and play playstation games almost as good as his dad

(certainly better than nana who gets dizzy when the screen moves too fast!). My point is that **the WORLD has changed whether we like it or not** and we need to use the best bits of the old world and merge those with the world today and potentially the future. If we don't do this, we run the risk of switching off a generation of kids, now more than ever before... they have had a taste of what learning could be like!

To quote Hoani from last week, we all need to change our **'mindset'**. Over the past few weeks as teachers, we have had to unlearn before we could relearn.



**Room 10 Gallery**

Watch this video before returning to school!

Wonderful stories by Izaak and Lachlan!

Patrick has rebooted his game, and he's bringing it to school!

Caleb B's poster on Pokémon...

And Ryan's cooking skills!

Beach greetings from Ryan!

Mewtwo-Considered to be the strongest Pokémon of all time, it was created by Dr. Fuji to become the strongest Pokémon.

Pokémon was made in April 29 1995.

Rydon was the first Pokémon made in the real world.

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Our focus with our **Post Covid Curriculum** is that students and families see relevance in their learning, it can be shared regularly with 'home' and everyone is more engaged.

**(We have to reach for the stars!!!!)**

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## Device purchases...

Our BOT have purchased these devices as, during this lock down time, **teachers have found new and exciting ways of doing things** and most admit that they have had that 'Ah ha' moment. Many parents and families that we have struggled to engage are responding through technology and enjoying the experience of working with their kids. **Kids are sharing their learning in new and innovative ways using technology** and are managing themselves in their programme for the day. They are becoming the self managing learners that we have always aspired to have!

So... the devices that we have purchased are those recommended by our IT supplier (ACER) and are THE most recent specs.

If **you would like to purchase one of these devices for your own child** so that learning can continue at home... we can sell these to you at **\$422.00 (inclusive of GST)**. Please come and see us at school if you would like this option. Alternatively you may be able to purchase one through Noel Leeming or our local Te Hinaki Trust (which offer time payments).

## Covid Level 2 at North

### A few key points about school under Level 2

1. **We do have quite strict guidelines about contact tracing under Level 2.** You (**parents NOT kids**) will have to 'sign in' (tick next to your child's name on a class list) if you come into the school grounds. This is a requirement from the government so please be nice to us if we have to remind you! **If you drop off / pick up outside the school gates you don't have to do anything!**
2. We ask that **parents do not come into classrooms** as it seems that the adults are the 'spreaders' not the kids. We will have three gates for you to enter. These will be clearly signposted on Monday and our friendly staff ( :-)) will be there to greet you.
  - **Rooms 14 -18 will have an area on the basketball courts.**
  - **Rooms 10 - 13 will have the grass area by the main gate**
  - **Rooms 1- 4 will have the area just inside the crossing gate.**
  - **PLEASE NOTE THAT YORK STREET ENTRANCE IS CLOSED**
3. In school we will have quite strict protocols about hand washing, hand sanitising and coughing and sneezing. I have linked below a lovely little song that was created by a colleague in the South Island which will help kids to understand the 'social distancing'- it is called Moist Breath Zone...  
[Moist Breath Zone - NZ guidelines for children going back to school after Covid-19 quarantine](#)
4. If you need to come into the school office there will be a line on the floor ... please stand behind that line.
5. **Lastly if you or your child are sick.... PLEASE STAY HOME!**

All families are generally expected to send kids back to school on Monday HOWEVER we recognise that for some this is not possible for family immunity reasons and for others... there is a bit of uncertainty and perhaps anxiety. It is for these reasons that we called this week and we hope that if you are keeping your kids home because you are worried, **we can work with you over the next week or so** to hopefully allay those fears! **We will continue to provide learning from a distance for the next week or so.**

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## Chromebooks

We have loaned out all of our **80** chromebooks to families and these have helped support student learning throughout the last few weeks.

**Please remember to bring these back with you on Monday.... YOU WILL NEED THEM as each child will be using THEIR OWN device .... No sharing.**

## Lunch and Drink Bottles

Please get your child to bring their own lunch and drink bottle for the next period of time. We have yet to work out how the lunch order system will work and our drinking fountains will NOT be operational.

**If you have any questions or are concerned about anything (which is quite normal given what we have been through) email or give us a call.**

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