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ACCENTUATING THE POSITIVE



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Kia ora e te whānau

It has been a real privilege to see some of the great learning our children have been doing on Seesaw today. I want to acknowledge our kaiako for the way they have set up distance learning. It is a lot of extra work to set up these activities and our teachers put a lot of thought and care into making distance learning positive for our tamariki. All of our teachers also have their own families to take care of as well as running programs for their classes, so thank you.

I want to say an immense thanks to our school community who have once again supported us with our distance learning program. I am very aware that our children will still require support to complete these activities and acknowledge the support that you provide at home.

We have made the decision to postpone our upcoming staff only day. We will let you know at a later date, when this will be rescheduled to. Other upcoming events we will make decisions on in due course.

We know that being at home at Alert-Level 4 can be tough. It is important that families reach out if they need support. The following is contact details for some agencies who can be of assistance at this time.

Agencies you can contact for assistance - Support Services that remain open

Women's Refuge 0800REFUGE or 0800 733 843

Shine 0508 744 633

Alcohol and Drug Helpline 0800 787 797

Oranga Tamariki call centre 0508FAMILY

CADS 0800 367 222

Narcotics Anonymous 0800 628 632

Alcoholics Anonymous 0800 229 6757

Youthline 0800 376 633 or free text 234

Samaritans 0800 726 666

Outline (LGBT) 0800 688 5463

Depression Helpline 0800 111 757

Suicide Prevention Helpline 0508 828 865

Explore 0800 000421 advice or support around challenging behaviours

Health concerns

The Fono West (Social Services) 09 837 1780

Healthline for COVID-19 health advice: 0800 358 5453

Counselling

If you know someone is feeling anxious, frustrated or needs a listening ear, they can call or text 1737 to talk with a trained counsellor. It is free 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Lifeline 0800 543 354 or free text 4357

Food Banks

Auckland City Mission (City) 09 303 9200

Salvation Army (Henderson) 09 837 4471

Vinnies Auckland (Newton) 09 815 6122 or 08006800
Hope Centre (New Lynn) 02108048436
Vision West (Glen Eden) 09 818 0716 - Mon, Wed, Fri only

Financial Assistance

Work and Income services centres are closed. However, you can apply for assistance via MyMSD or phone the contact centre on 0800 559 009.

If you know someone who needs financial assistance, please tell him/her to call the free government helpline 0800 779 997 (8am–1am, seven days a week).

Tomorrow we will await the Government announcement in regard to next steps in relation to Alert-Levels. I remind you that as a school we find out any changes in Alert-Levels at exactly the same time as you. We will communicate plans as soon as we are able once a change takes place.

If you have any questions about the learning program, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

He waka eke noa

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