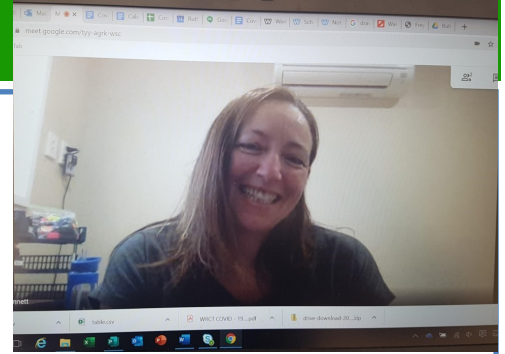


## TERM 2 WEEK 2 - MONDAY 20 APRIL 2020

### KIA ORA E TE WHĀNAU. GREETINGS FAMILIES

I hope you have had an enjoyable weekend. We enjoyed taking a break from school work. We did some chores around the house (yes it is necessary to keep up with normal routines) and played some games along with making time for walks around the local area.



### DISTANCE LEARNING

Distance learning is going really well. We are getting lots of posts on Seesaw from our enthusiastic learners. It is really great to see all the wonderful ways everyone is doing their learning at home.

Remember for those of you that are having trouble connecting, our teachers can help you get connected or provide you with alternative suggested learning activities. There are lots of learning opportunities in your home.

Our teachers are working incredibly hard to deliver really great learning. Many of our teachers have their own families to look after and their own children to teach while also working from home, just like many of you are.

Our teachers will be supporting learning and commenting on posts between 9am and 3pm Monday to Friday. We appreciate that families are not always working on learning during those times and are doing what works for them. We ask that if you are posting questions outside of those times, or on weekends, you allow us time to answer. Teachers will get back to you during learning time.

### KEEPING OUR TAMARIKI OCCUPIED

We appreciate it can be hard at times to find things to keep the kids busy when we are all at home. Our amazing team has put together a one stop shop that is a toolkit of ideas and resources of things you can do with the kids when they have done all their school work. We have called it 'The Kete of Ideas'. You can find it here;

**KOTAHITANGA (rooms 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 16)** [https://bit.ly/Kotahitanga\\_Kete](https://bit.ly/Kotahitanga_Kete)

**TE WAO NUI O TIRIWA (rooms 1, 2, 17, 18 and 19)** [https://bit.ly/Te Wao Nui o Tiriwa Kete](https://bit.ly/Te_Wao_Nui_o_Tiriwa_Kete)

**KOTUKU KARERE (rooms 12, 13, 14, and 15)** [https://bit.ly/Kotuku Ka Rere Kete](https://bit.ly/Kotuku_Ka_Rere_Kete)

These links are also on our school website: <http://www.rutherfordprimary.school.nz/distance-learning.html>

This is not part of the distance learning teachers are setting, and there is no expectation for children to do this. This is just a resource we are providing to families for those of you who are looking for more to keep the kids occupied.

A reminder too that the Ministry of Education has provided lots of good ideas on the learning from home website. <https://learningfromhome.govt.nz/>



## ONLINE SAFETY AND DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

Hopefully you have all been able to access 'switch on safety', the web filtering service set up by The Ministry of Education, N4L and Netsafe.

If you haven't yet, here is the link to get set up;  
[www.switchonsafety.co.nz](http://www.switchonsafety.co.nz)

switch  on safety

Please remember that there is no substitute for supporting your children when they are working in an online environment. This includes being on Seesaw. It is a good idea to check in with your children regularly when they are working on devices and talk to them about good digital citizenship. If you need some tips, Netsafe has some great tips available on their website.

<https://www.netsafe.org.nz/advice/staying-safe/>



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## MOVING TO LEVEL 3

Most of you will be aware that the Government will make a decision today about moving to level 3. Our team has been working very hard over the last few days to make a plan around what level 3 might look like for us at Rutherford. We will continue to develop this plan over the course of this week.

**What does this mean for you** - At some point this week we may need to contact you to find out what your plans are for your child. When the time comes for us to send out a request for information, I urge you to answer our request as soon as possible. Good, accurate information will be vital to our planning process. We will likely send a request out across multiple platforms to ensure we reach everyone. You will only need to answer once.

We will follow Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education guidelines when deciding when and how we will operate. I thank you for your support in keeping our community safe.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [amandab@rutherfordprimary.school.nz](mailto:amandab@rutherfordprimary.school.nz)

*Kia kaha - He waka eke noa*

Nga mihi nui  
Amanda Bennett  
Acting Principal



The new TV channel is another useful resource that can be part of your child's learning day.

TVNZ channel 2+1 and on TVNZ on Demand, as well as on Sky Channel 502.

More information about this service can be found here;

[LEARNING FROM HOME - PROGRAMME SCHEDULE](#)