

Ruahine School Newsletter



Term 3 Week 5

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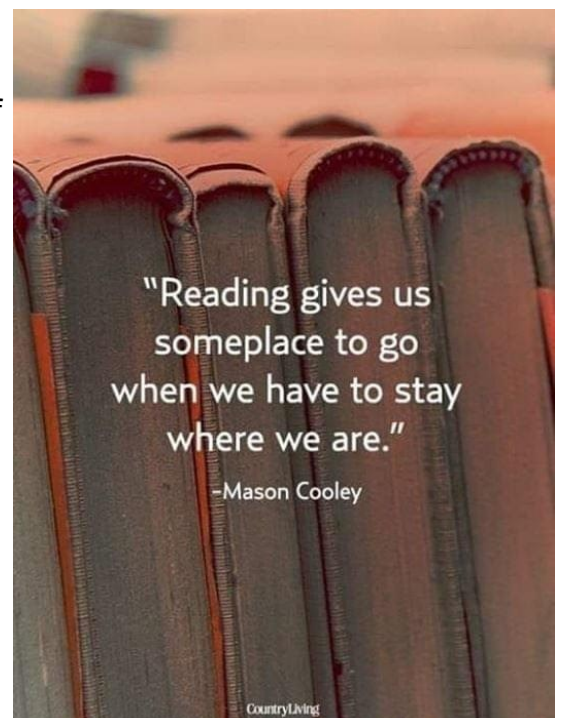
Tēnā koe e te whānau,

It seems such a short time ago when we were enjoying the freedoms of Alert Level 1 and now here we all are at home staying safe and hoping for good news each day when we watch, read or listen to the daily update. It helps that the weather has been so lovely over the last few days. I am sure your tamariki are enjoying playing outside - which gives you time for a quiet cup of coffee!

Following approval from the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health our teachers took turns to go onsite over the past few days and collect up resources to deliver to homes or to help them teach your tamariki from home.

Distance learning

We are very aware that many of you are in the middle of calving and many of you are either working from home or are essential workers and having to go out to work all the while juggling distance learning with your children. Teachers have taken a lot of care to supply learning opportunities that can be done with minimal adult support. We recognize how difficult it can be so the learning opportunities we supply are aimed to help not to add to your stress levels. Please do ask your child's teacher if you need any support, or just put the learning away for the day if it is not working for you. Your children can just find a nice sunny spot and read!



Upcoming Events

As always there are events that are cancelled, postponed or moved online when we have alert level changes. Below is information about plans for our events this term.

Key: **green for go**, **red for cancel**, **blue for online**, **pink for postponement**, **orange for wait and see**

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Inter-school Maths: (19/8) After consulting with Dannevirke principals we have agreed to **find a new date** to hold this event. Kate Greer organises this event and she is working on possible dates now.

• **Kapa Haka / Korowai assembly:** (20/8) This moved online and the recipients this year have been announced via Seesaw and Facebook. **Congratulations to Luciana Clarke-Sharp, Riley Finucane, Riley-Rose McNeil and Trey Castles who have been selected to wear our Ruahine School korowai at special events this year.** They have been selected for the leadership and Rocker values they show in kapa haka and across the school.

• **DHS Year 8 enrolment meetings:** (27/8) Dannevirke High School are going to work with schools to **find a new date** and the best way to hold enrolment meetings and organise enrolment paperwork. There is no rush and they have things in hand. They are waiting on the next information to come out about alert levels.

• **Sunrise Hut Tramp:** (2/9) This should still go ahead but will depend on alert levels at the time.

• **Aerobics festival:** (9/9) Dannevirke principals had a zoom meeting today and we have decided that this event will need to be **cancelled for 2021** and we will work towards organising a festival in 2022. There is not enough time to practice and we can't guarantee that alert levels will enable it to go ahead.

Kapa haka festival: (17/9) As soon as we have an update on whether this will go ahead we will let you know. However, we are not hopeful that this can happen. There will be limited time to practice and we are not sure that we will be at level 1 by then.

• **Library Quiz:** (22/9) This is done online and at school so as long as we are at AL2 we will be able to go ahead as planned.

• **Inter-school speeches:** (23/9) At the Dannevirke principals' Zoom meeting we agreed to cancel the inter-school speech competition as there is not enough time to prepare and practice. We are working on what we can do at Ruahine and will let you know soon.

• **Celebration Assembly:** (1/10) This is set for the last day of term. As long as we are at school it will go ahead. If we are at AL2 we will have to plan how we manage visitors so we will keep you posted on that.

• **Transition to school** children are visiting through Seesaw online! We are fortunate to have this awesome resource, parents are doing an amazing job of connecting with school.

We are thinking of you and look forward to when our tamariki can come back to school again.

Take care:)

Mā tē wā,
Sarah McCord
Principal



Korowai Presentation 2021



Korowai Recipients 2021

Congratulations to these Kapa Haka leaders who will wear our Ruahine Korowai;

Luciana Clarke-Sharp

Riley Finucane

Riley-Rose McNeil

Trey Castles

Tū māia au ki te mahi, tū rangatira au ki te ao!
the best I can do, the best I can be.

