



**CENTRAL NORMAL SCHOOL
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Tuesday 14 April 2020

COVID-19 Whānau Update: #8

Tēnā Koutou whānau mā

We trust you had a Happy Easter and enjoyed the last of the sunshine. Easter Sunday was certainly a beautiful day for those Easter Egg hunts or enjoying being outside.

It has been wonderful to see the posts children are making to their Seesaw accounts. Teachers are really enjoying this interaction and contact with our tamariki.

Tomorrow is the start of Term 2 and it is also the start of a significant change in the educational landscape of New Zealand - Distance Learning across all schools. While we are in Alert Level 4/Lockdown, all schools will be providing Distance Learning as detailed in my previous pānui.

Many of you may have read or seen in the media that schools, or some schools, may open on Wednesday 29 April. This would all be dependent on the changing of the Alert Levels and even then it could be a mixed model of on-site learning and distance learning.

At this stage, we have no information about when our school might open. As with other sectors and businesses, we are awaiting for the April 20 update and then further information and clarification from the Ministry of Education. As soon as we have further detail, we will let you know.

Many of you have a device at home to begin online Distance Learning on tomorrow. Some of you have indicated that you require a device and it is our aim to have these sent out to you within the week. Some of you asked for hard copy learning to be sent to your address. This will be sent from the Ministry of Education. However, please have patience with this, as they work as quickly as they can to distribute material to tamariki across New Zealand. As mentioned previously, their first priority is secondary with NCEA and then they will work downwards from Year 10 - Year 1.

As shared in the last pānui, Home Learning/Papa Kāinga TV and Māori Television will start education programme broadcasting for students on Wednesday 15 April. Home Learning/Papa Kāinga TV will be shown, free to air, on TVNZ Channel 2+1 and Sky Channel 502. Māori Television will be broadcasting approximately 300 hours of educational content for ākonga and whānau over the next 10 weeks. Programming will be grouped for early learners, primary and secondary students. Programme content will include: Play, Literacy, Mathematics, Science, Te Reo Māori, Physical Education, Music, Wellbeing and Pacific Language content.

Programme content can be found at: <https://www.tvnz.co.nz/livetv>

Māori Television te reo content will focus on learning at home for tamariki, rangatahi and whānau, aged between 0 - 18 who are in kohanga reo, reo rua/rumaki settings and kura.

Programme content can be found at: <https://www.maoritelevision.com/live/maori-tv>



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Whānau are also welcome to visit these two websites which have been developed by the Ministry of Education to support learning at home:

Learning from Home www.learningfromhome.govt.nz
Ki Te Ao Marama <https://www.kauwhatareo.govt.nz/en/resource/ki-te-ao-marama/>

Again, we know that learning at home will be completely different to learning at school and that we cannot replicate the classroom in the home. As whānau adjust to Distance Learning, establishing a routine that suits your whānau will support our tamariki to work through their learning. All learning will be posted by 9.00am each day and then it is up to whānau as to when it best suits you to complete the learning.

All staff will be available via Seesaw between the hours of 9.00am - 11.00am to answer questions, check on learning and to clarify anything.

Teachers will also be checking Seesaw and their emails throughout the day as they normally would. However, many of our teachers also have their own tamariki at home and will be balancing the learning with their whānau commitments. They will respond to messages as soon as they can. We know you will completely understand this.

As always, the Manawatū Team will be available throughout the course of the day during Lockdown via email should you need to contact any one of us. Our emails have been listed for you. Should you want to talk with us about anything to do with learning, further support you may require or something you feel we should know, please email us and we will call you.

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Take care whānau. Be safe, be kind and we look forward to connecting with our tamariki this week through Distance Learning.

Ngā Mihi

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