



**CENTRAL NORMAL SCHOOL
TE KURA TUATAHI O PAPAIOEA**

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Monday 23 March 2020

COVID-19 Whānau Update: #5

Tēnā Koutou whānau mā

We are in unprecedented times, which will no doubt be that moment in time where many of us will look back and say, "I remember the day when the country was being locked down..."

Firstly, I would like to sincerely thank you all for your amazing support and awhi as we have navigated through these ever changing times. At the heart of every decision has been the wellbeing of our tamariki, staff and whānau.

We have recently received our update from the Ministry of Education, which is detailed below:

- Our school is **closed** from **tomorrow**, with the **exception** of those parents/caregivers who are in jobs as Core/Key workers and require the 48 hour period to organize care for their tamariki. Core/Key workers children are able to attend school until Wednesday afternoon. A list of Core/Key Workers can be found [here](#).
- From **Thursday**, all schools will be closed.
- The school holidays have been brought forward so that they are completed within the 4 week period. School Holidays will now be from Monday 30 March - Tuesday 14 April (which includes Easter).
- At the end of the school holidays, schools will be open for distance learning, but **not** physically open for staff to work at school. Staff will be working off site.

By Wednesday afternoon, we will have refined our home learning provision for Thursday and Friday and we will let you know what these are. From Monday 30 March, it will be the school holidays.

During the holiday period, the Ministry of Education will continue to work with us with how Distance Learning may look after the holidays. However, don't underestimate the amazing learning opportunities that are available at home. These could include: reading a recipe and baking a cake, planning and cooking an evening meal, reading stories together, writing and creating your own cartoon, counting various objects and grouping them, playing a board game or card game together, writing a note or letter to someone, using the letters in your name to write household items.



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You can also use the following websites to engage our tamariki in learning:

- Stories from Good Night Kiwi: <https://www.tvnz.co.nz/shows/goodnight-kiwi>
- Maths: <https://nz.mathgames.com/>
- Learning from the Ministry of Education: <https://learningfromhome.govt.nz/>
- Quick Writes: Click [here](#)

While we work to refine what home learning may look like, please know that we are realistic that current/normal school learning cannot occur at home. Learning at home may be a range of life skills and activities that our tamariki can do at home.

These are certainly different times, and again, thank you all so very much for your continued understanding and support. We will be in touch again on Wednesday.

Ngā Mihi

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