



Manaakitanga **S**how Respect  
Rangatiratanga **T**ake Responsibility  
Whāia Te Iti Kahurangi **A**im High  
Kia Kaha Tonu **N**ever Give Up  
Tikanga **D**o the Right Thing  
E Tū Kahikatea

## Issue 06 – 20 May 2020

### PRINCIPAL

Dear Parent and Whānau

Aillah, Morgan, Alaska and Briar have just shown me the phonics they have been learning using their whiteboards. They are writing the alphabet and simple words that allow them to practise combining individual letter sounds; words like 'wet', 'pup', 'bat' and 'cap'. It's another small signpost on the road to normality.

I can say that our return to school this week has been smooth sailing and I hope it's the same at your place. Our children generally seem refreshed and eager to be back in the routines of learning and play. From what we're hearing, most of you did a great job as substitute teachers, so big thanks from us and we'll take it from here!

Before we put lockdown completely behind us we'd like you to do the short survey at the link below, giving your feedback on the experience. We hope never to repeat the lockdown but we know you won't stop supporting learning at home and we want to help you be as confident as you can. The survey will help us improve home-school communications and plan future parent education programmes. Thanks for taking a few minutes to give us your feedback:

<https://forms.gle/dp8qJLg4w2b1BVJ6>

#### **A Few Changes to the Programme**

Unfortunately term two can't deliver everything we had planned. Please note these changes:

1. We have cancelled all school assemblies until further notice
2. Mid-year reports and learning conferences are postponed until early term three
3. The school cross country has been rescheduled for Friday 12 June. We don't yet know if the cluster and regional cross country competitions will be held this term
4. Winter sports competitions are uncertain at this time; see information elsewhere in this newsletter.

On the other hand our music teachers are back in school this week, special education programmes are operating largely as normal and we are planning to celebrate Matariki later in the term.

#### **School Travel Plan Update**

Just before we went into lockdown a group of parents met with a TDC engineer to discuss ideas for improving safety for children walking and cycling to school. This week Clare Scott from Easy Street Cycling NZ, who has been contracted by the TDC to support our travel plan, met with an engineer from NZ Transport Authority at the Arrow Street-Whitby Road crossing to talk about ways to make that safer. Ideas include:

- refuge to be painted white to draw attention to the crossing
- white or red paint on the footpath sides of the crossing to draw the eye across the road to where kids are waiting to cross
- crossing to be built out 1 metre and/or install bright bollards to provide added protection for pedestrians and visual clues to drivers.
- repaint in safety paint the crossing squares on either side

- yellow lines 6 metres from crossing to avoid parked cars blocking visibility for kids looking for vehicles
- flags (Wakefield school or kea crossing) at refuge to be brought in at peak times
- large (2m x 1m approx) safety sign messaging added on either side of the crossing (at road reserve triangle at Arrow St, and down from kids crossing sign on other side of road). To include design elements by Wakefield School students.

Clare says the engineer was open to many of these ideas and will seek approval to act. Here's hoping.

In the meantime we will arrange another meeting when level two restrictions ease for parents to meet Clare and talk about other ideas to increase the number of children walking, scootering and cycling safely between home and school.

Have a great week,

**Peter Verstappen**  
**Principal**

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## FROM THE LIBRARY

Thank you to all those families who have returned their library books already. We do need all books which were issued over the lock-down to be returned as soon as possible as the shelves are looking quite bare. Books are placed in quarantine for 3 days before being shelved.

Our overdue emails are automated and although the loan period was initially extended, this obviously expired during lock-down. The library has been very busy over the last couple of days, so if you receive another overdue notice and you are sure you have returned the books please drop me an email.



## SPORTS

We seem to be getting closer to a time when our students will be able to participate in the winter sports codes. With this in mind I will be putting out the registration form, (online), which was supposed to go out last term.

This form is for **Netball and Miniball** (modified basketball). The starting dates have not yet been set for Netball but I am hoping for more information this week.

***Miniball is planning to start Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June (Year 3 & 4, 3x3), and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June for Years 5 & 6 (5x5).***

**We do need to be ready to move quickly so it is important that you fill out the form and submit it by Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May, so we can sort coaches, uniforms and practice times.**

We understand that this may be a difficult time, financially for some of our families. We don't want students to miss out on taking part in sport for these reasons and therefore urge you to contact Allison or Olivia in the office or Kathy Ameen in the library to discuss how we can help.

### **Cross Country**

We will be running the Wakefield School Cross Country later in the term. We have a provisional date but this may change, depending on Cluster and Regional dates. We will probably run the races with a different format this year in keeping with the need for social distancing in Level 2. There will be more information on this when we have it.

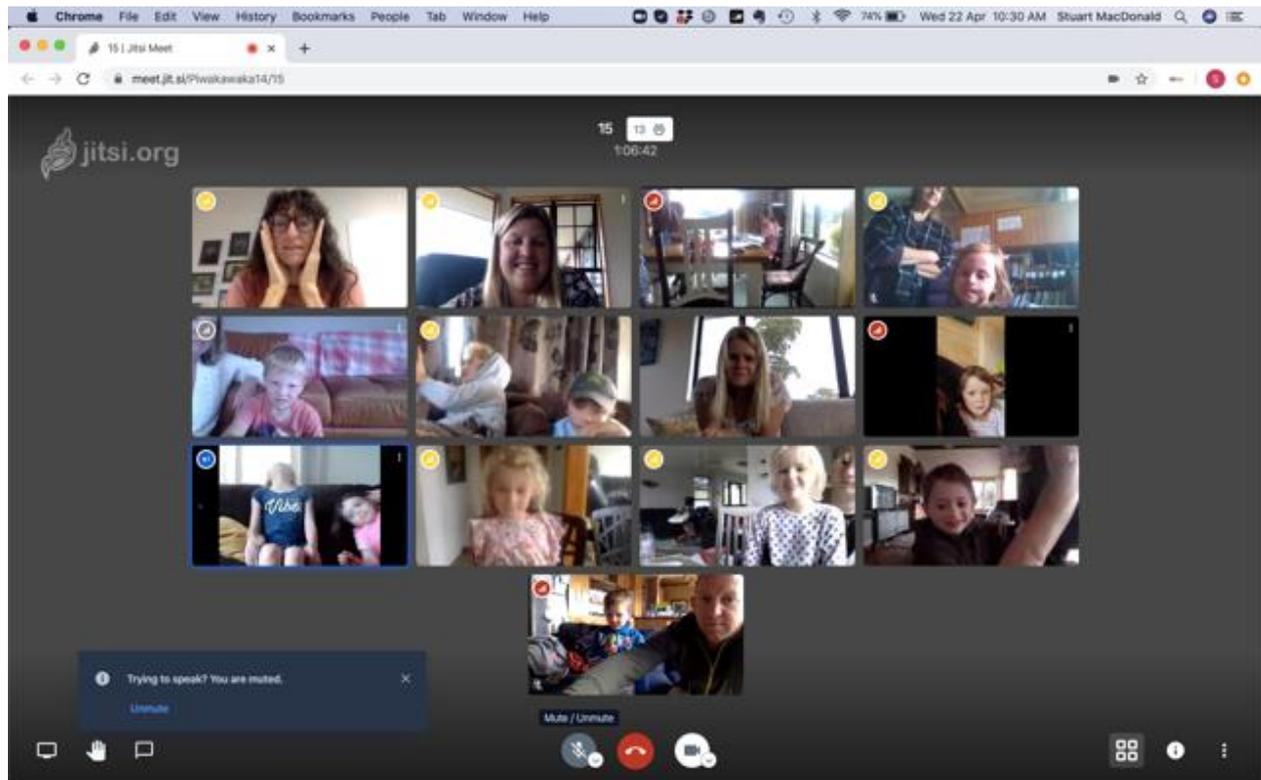


## FROM ROOMS 14 & 15 DURING LEVEL 3

Piwakawaka 14 and 15 have been very busy in their bubbles. We love hearing about all the exciting learning that has been happening at home. Here are just a few examples of what we have done:

Practicing phonics using a scavenger hunt; upcycling old desks to make a comfortable learning space; catching eels in the river; building a bug house and making bird-feeders; setting up a cafe and 'selling' lovely home baking; lots of reading and counting.

We get together every week to share our news and listen together to a story. We really miss those happy faces.



## WRITING DURING LEVEL 3 AT SCHOOL

### Lockdown Blues

As soon I heard I'm going back to school on Wednesday I played it cool on the outside, but on the inside I was screaming. That night I had a fit and kicked my duvet which startled Indy my cat. The next day I scooted to school and saw my buddies and Mr Mack and Miss Woodley. They took us to our classroom. When we got there we had a boring talk about our tables and stuff and then Mr Mack got out the 3d printer and everybody runs it as mayhem. After that we walked off and did some more boring work.

**By Leroy Hughes**

One day after level 4 we came to school and there was no one there. Then one of my friends came and then a whole wave of them came. One minute later we went inside and then we had fun and went on the pump track. Then we went inside and played and worked and then watched a movie. Then we did a passion project and that is pretty much what it is like.

**By Jayden Vibert**

It was the first day back at school. I turned around to say bye to Dad and took a big breath. When Miss Woodley and Mr Mac came over to greet us we went over some rules like stay 2 meters apart and hand sanitiser before you enter the classroom we did google classroom and then we had a break me my sister

Miss Woodley and Mr Mac all played soccer. We got called in and did some 3d printing. My sister made a unicorn with chicken feet and I made a name tag that took 32 minutes. It was home time I was ready for tomorrow.

***By Jinty Baldwin***

Level 3 at school. We did makey makey and I did a piano. We took photos with a green screen. We had to use sanitiser. We did 3d printing. We watched movies.

***By Lily Vibert***

### **Lockdown at School**

At school we have been starting at 9:00 and finishing at 3:00. We have been going on the pump track more. We only get around 4 to 7 times on the pump track a day. We have been working on the pump track and we have built the jumps up better and making new jumps like step ups and step downs. We have also made jumps more doable. I feel like we have taken the pump track to a whole nother level. We are still making new jumps so we can make the pump track the best we can. We are still doing our usual work. At 11 we are doing a quizlet. I think it is a lot of fun. We sing this song alot and and it goes like this "im sorry i burped i didn't mean to i'm sorry it made you sick. I shouldn't have eaten my spaghetti with my fish and chips" Then it carries on and on. This is our routine for the day.

***By Bailey Harris***

9 am time for school, social distancing at all times, Miss Woodley and Mr Mack come meet us at the gate and we walk over to class. In class we sanitize, our hands and go get our laptop. First up Mr Mack reads us Hatchet and then we log onto google classroom to do some work. Break time, we grab our bikes and go on the pump track for fifteen minutes then come inside and sanitize our hands again. 11 o'clock, Kathy starts up a game of quizlet and everybody starts yelling at Miss Woodley because she is over competitive (Miss Woodley goes crazy!). 11:30, back to google classroom till lunch break, back to pump track. After the break we watch a movie. 3 o'clock, Mr Mack and Miss Woodley walk us back to the gate where we met in the morning. Well, back to school tomorrow.

***By Dylan***

It has been very different at school for me because every day we meet at the school gate at 9:00 and then leave at 3:00. We also have to do all the work off of computers. It has been fun because we got to go on the pump track all the time and fix the jumps that the careless tractor driver ran over. Every day at 11:00 we all play quizlet live. Mr Mack will always win. At the end of the quizlet it plummets into complete silence.

***By Lucas Bell***

It was fun. I played soccer with Jinty and Miss Woodley. It was better than home. We had to hand sanitizer and had to stay 2 meters and it was exciting I made a house out of cardboard.

***By Zoe Baldwin***



## IMPORTANT DATES

	<b>Please Note: Some school events may change due to Covid-19.</b>
27 <sup>th</sup> May	Board of Trustees Meeting – 5:30pm
<b>01<sup>st</sup> June</b>	<b>Queen’s Birthday Holiday</b>
11 <sup>th</sup> June	Arbor Day Planting – Faulkner Bush
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Wakefield School Cross Country
24 <sup>th</sup> June	Board of Trustees Meeting – 5:30pm
<b>03<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	<b>End of Term 2</b>
<b>20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Start of Term 3</b>
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Board of Trustees Meeting – 5:30pm
17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> August	Wakefield School Book Week
26 <sup>th</sup> August	Board of Trustees Meeting – 5:30pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Board of Trustees Meeting – 5:30pm
<b>25<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>End of Term 3</b>

## **Tasman District Library**

You will be pleased to know that your local public library will also resume partial service on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May.

To keep us all safe, there will be changes. This is what you can expect:

- Opening hours will reduce to 10am-4pm weekdays.
- In Richmond, you will be able to return material through the Petrie Carpark returns chute Monday-Friday 9am-4pm only.
- Returned material will be quarantined for 72 hours. This may lead to limited numbers of items in our popular collections.
- To use the Richmond Library, come to the Queen's Street entrance.

Use the usual entrance at our other libraries.

- Expect to queue. We will scan your library card for contact tracing when you enter and leave.
- If you don't have a library card, your details will be recorded and we will issue you with a temporary barcode for library access.
- The numbers we can accommodate are very restricted and we require details of everyone for contact tracing including children.
- Keep your visit to 30 minutes or less.
- A Click and Collect service (Book a Book) will be available on the library website: [www.tasmanlibraries.govt.nz](http://www.tasmanlibraries.govt.nz)
- Please send one person to select new material per family, school or centre. You can borrow up to 35 items.
- For families, if you do need to bring a child with you, they must be kept within arm's length the whole time and not interact with others.

### **Children under 14 years of age will not be admitted without an adult.**

- Please observe safe distancing of 2 metres in the library.
- You will notice some layout changes to assist with safe distancing.
- Sanitizer will be available for you. We will clean surfaces regularly.
- You will need to issue material using the self-check kiosks.
- Some staff assistance is available at screened customer service desks.
- Photocopying and scanning will not be available.
- Meeting rooms will be unavailable.



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JULY HOLIDAYS NOW ALSO  
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