



Te Matapuna Aroha – Te Matapuna Whakapono

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Kia ora parents and caregivers,

Well here we are on the last day of Term 1. I know this is not what any of us thought the last day of term would look like. I hope that everyone is going well.

This week our teachers have been contacting parents and caregivers if you have not already had a call this may be happening later today. If someone isn't it contact with you there is obviously a glitch in our system. Please get in contact with me and we can get this sorted. We will keep this connection going throughout this lockdown time.

This week teachers are sending out activities and links to suitable websites that provide good learning activities for our students. This is just an interim measure to get underway with remote learning for students. Please do not feel you need to do all these activities just do what is possible within your week, we do not want to cause you any extra stress.

Teachers are also checking in with you to see if you are able to access emails or our website. We are doing this so that we know how best to get information to you and if we can support families to gain access to an email or the school website.

Next week we begin the school holidays and all staff are on a break for the first week, I think it is really important that they all have some down time after what has been a stressful and unprecedented time. However, even though we are taking a break we will still be checking in with families. Then in the second week we are going to start getting ready for Wednesday 15 April which is the start of Term 2. Teachers with therapist support will be creating a more individualised learning programme for their students.

There is a lot of work going on out there is the background from staff at Ferndale School and I would like to say a huge thank you for all that they are doing. It isn't easy leaving a school site and suddenly gearing into working remotely and yet that is what we are doing.

Please take care of yourselves and your families. Remember if you need any assistance as we go through this lockdown talk to the teacher that checks in with you and we will see what we can do to access support for you. I am also only a phone call, text or email away.

I hope you all get to enjoy a break over the school holidays, it is not exactly what any of us had planned but hopefully you can find ways to have some fun.

With aroha

Ngā mihi

Maureen Poulter

Principal ~ Tumuaki