



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy birthday to everyone who has celebrated a birthday during lockdown. It will be a birthday to remember in years to come.

We hope you all had a fabulous day:



Marina N  
Grace F  
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Shrey A  
Annika L  
Kamryn P  
Mason C  
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Mayson L  
Luka T  
Nasam M  
Ava H  
Mason B  
Liam O  
Celeste R  
Galaxy G  
Aliana P  
Annabel L  
Harlyn K  
Truse M  
Vincent R  
Bhavya A  
Ava M-M  
Carlaus N  
Leila P  
Kylie T



## WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENTS

Welcome to Tyler L, Noorya D and Jordynn W who have joined us as New Entrants in Rooms 1 & 3.

## From Mrs Malcolm's bubble to yours ...

Kia Ora Koutou.

Welcome back to a very different sort of Term 2. We are now 3 weeks into our Covid-19 Level 4 Lockdown, I do hope that everyone is safe and well inside their "bubbles". To those of you that are essential workers – we thank you for the work that you are doing to ensure we can all receive medical care and other essential services over this time.

Life has certainly been turned upside down over the last few weeks and we are all having to learn to adjust to a different way of being for now. Like many of you, my day now revolves around the 1pm updates to see what progress is being made and what changes we need to consider in our families and for our work.

I have to say the support schools have received from the Ministry of Education over this time has been outstanding. They are doing a fabulous job ensuring that our education system can continue to function and support our young people over this time. You will have seen that there has been a huge rollout of devices and learning material to families that are not able to access online learning for a variety of reasons. I have been in touch with many of our families to ensure that we can support children's learning over this time, please note there may be a delay in receiving hard copy material or devices due to the huge demand across the country for these. MOE have rightly indicated that devices will be prioritised for those students completing NCEA in the first instance. **If you are having issues with accessing the learning teachers have sent, and I haven't yet spoken with you, please contact me to discuss how we can support you with either a device or hard copy learning material.**

Tomorrow we expect to hear a bit more about what life after Alert Level 4 will look like for us as a nation, and what this will mean for schools. We have been told that when we move to Alert Level 3 we should not expect all schools to open, or for schools to open for all students. However, like you, we will await further news about this tomorrow and update you again on Friday about what this will mean for Drury School.

Until then, please know that we are all missing your children very much and are hoping for a return to a new sort of normal really soon.

Take care, stay home, save lives.

Ngā mihi nui

Robyn Malcolm - Principal

## WHAT SHOULD A 'SCHOOL DAY' LOOK LIKE AT HOME?

I have attached some information separately to the newsletter about expectations over the next couple of weeks for home learning. If at any stage you have questions, your first point of contact should always be your child's teacher, followed by the team leader.

I cannot stress enough that home is not school and we don't expect, or want, it to be! Primary age children should not be engaged in school work from 9am until 3pm each day at home. We will provide learning activities for students to engage with, but this won't be the same as what they would do in the classroom under normal circumstances.

We have put together a range of learning activities for students to engage with while learning at home. It is up to you and your child to know what you can manage each day – do what works for your family but don't make it a battle.

What is most important for your children right now is relationships! Keeping things calm and fun with lots and lots of talking is that best thing that you can be doing.

If things start to get a bit stressful with the school work, take a break. It is also a good idea to plan the day with the children, get them to decide when they will do the learning tasks and what other fun things they will fit into their day.

- Nigel Latta spoke on Seven Sharp last night (Tuesday) with some great advice for families about learning at home.

Here is the link to that interview <https://www.facebook.com/sevensharp/videos/2238691589759776/>

- TVNZ (TVNZ 2 +1) and Maori TV have today launched MOE approved home learning between 9am and 3pm. What I saw this morning looked great – so this is well worth tuning into at some stage.
- The Sparklers website has some great ideas for managing these times together with your kids. Check out their Sparklers at Home page for ideas <https://sparklers.org.nz/parenting/>
- TVNZ are screening Les Mills exercise classes aimed at children on TVNZ 2 at 3pm Monday - Friday.
- TV3 are also screening a new programme called Amped at 11:30am on weekdays.



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## SENIOR LEADERSHIP CONTACT DETAILS

You will have received contact details for your child's class teacher, however, if you need to contact any of the senior leaders their details are below:

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## PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Since we cannot be together for an assembly for now, we are going to start to give out **online** Principal's Awards each week. Look out for the announcements about these coming soon.

## FODS EASTER RAFFLE

As soon as all students are able to return to school, we will collect in any remaining raffle sheets. We will then attend to the drawing of this raffle and distribution of the prizes to winners.



## Home Learning @ Drury School

Phase One - 15-24 April 2020

Over the next two weeks we continue our first phase of learning at home. If the lockdown is extended beyond this timeframe we will review this approach and respond to feedback accordingly. This document shows how we can work together to make this successful.

### STUDENTS

Spend some time each day trying the learning tasks your teacher has sent you.

Show the Drury School values in your home bubble:

- Respect
- Responsibility
- Kindness
- Excellence

Be kind to your siblings and parents!

Share your learning with us, we miss you and look forward to hearing about life, and learning, in your bubble.

Find fun ways of keeping active each day!

### Parents/Whānau

Check emails, the app, and school facebook page for communication from school.

Relax and know we are NOT expecting you to be a classroom teacher, we know many of you are working. Do what SUITS YOUR BUBBLE. A calm home, is a happy home.

TRUST YOURSELVES as parents, you are the first educators of your children and you know them best. Enjoy this precious gift of time together as best you can and TRUST the teachers and school leaders of Drury School to know our learners and how to prepare them for their return to school.

### Teachers

Each morning teachers will email students/families with an outline of learning activities for the day. This will include elements of literacy and mathematics, along with more creative tasks.

Teachers are available between at least 11am-12noon to answer questions. You are welcome to also email them outside of these times - but may need to wait a little longer for a reply.

Give feedback and encouragement to students, along with support for families at this time.

TOGETHER - WE CAN GET THROUGH THIS!

*Respect*

*Responsibility*

*Excellence*

*Kindness*



AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND N4L


# switch on safety

When children learn from home, it's important to help them stay safe online.

Network for Learning (N4L) helps to keep your child safe at school. So while your child is learning from home, we have a simple, **FREE** way to block the worst of the web.

To Switch on Safety, you need to change the 'DNS' settings on your child's device. We've outlined simple instructions for the different devices at [switchonsafety.co.nz](https://switchonsafety.co.nz)

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