



Thursday 9 April 2020

Dear Parents/Caregivers of Green Bay School

We are now heading into the Easter long weekend which will see the end of our Term 1 school holidays on Tuesday 14 April and Term 2 starting on Wednesday 15 April.

The Ministry of Education alongside school teachers and Principals within NZ have been working together over these last few weeks to make Learning from Home a priority and accessible for all. Rollout will be the start of Term 2, we wish to reaffirm our support and express this is not a time to stress, parents/caregivers are not expected to replace their child's teacher. What we are wanting to see is for all families to take advantage of this new kind of learning and find a way to apply it in your daily lives whilst we are all in this NZ wide lockdown together. This is a first for NZ education.

Most importantly, people and their relationships come first; **Be Kind** to each other, **Be Kind** to our teachers, **Be Kind** to everyone. Many lives in NZ are being affected daily in this pandemic; some have lost jobs, some have concerns for sick loved ones and one NZ family is grieving. Not taking away from the many families overseas that are affected and those far-reaching implications on whanau in NZ in one way or another. Let's support each other and do the best we can and if children are becoming anxious over their school work, then it is okay to stop and pick it back up at a later time.

The teachers of our school (Y1-8) will be sending out some expectations for their whanau once Term 2 comes around.

Learning from Home Television

Home Learning TV | Papa Kāinga TV on TVNZ, will run from 9am to 3pm on school days, on TVNZ2+1 and Sky channel 502. Some lessons will also be available on TVNZ On Demand. Information about the programme scheduling will go up on the [Learning from Home](#) (Ministry of Education) website early next week.

Access to Devices and Hard Copies

The Ministry of Education will prioritise the rollout of devices and hard copy materials to reach students in waves, with an initial focus on connecting students at secondary schools working towards NCEA first. GBS have requested hard copies for all of our Year1-3 students. These will be posted out as per above, in waves. In the meantime, the content of these packs can be viewed on the [Learning from Home](#) website.

Also interesting and relevant is the NZ Government [Beehive](#) website, which has all the latest information and Q&A's. Check it out, it is very informative.

Ngā mihi

Arohanui

He whānau kotahi tātou - We are one family

Kind regards

Anand Muthoo

Principal - Green Bay School