

Learning From Home in Te Ara Whanake

Sunday 22 August 2021

Kia ora koutou,

Thank you for your kindness and support last week as we transitioned to our online learning platform.

We hope you are all keeping safe in your bubble.

Here is an overview of what online learning will look like for Whanake this week. As a team, we are also keeping at the forefront of our conversations a focus on hauora (health and wellbeing) for all.

What will online learning look like in Whanake?

We provide activities across the curriculum throughout the week for tamariki to engage with, and respond to. These activities will be shared with students through Seesaw and a weekly Google slide. Just like at school, activities will be a mixture of rich, open-ended activities and more teacher-structured activities. The open-ended activities are open to interpretation, creativeness, and direction by the students. There is no expectation for activities to be completed by a set time or day. You and your tamariki are welcome to dip and dive into the activities as you wish and to do what is manageable.

Seesaw

Teachers will upload a post each day to say mōrena to tamariki and talk about the day ahead. Activities will be shared in the 'activities' tab for tamariki to respond to. Tamariki will need to sign in using their individual code, rather than their parents' code, to access these activities. This code is on your child's log in details sheet that we emailed you last week. If you would like to see the activities that will be posted each day, there is a link to each one on the Google Slides.

Weekly Google Slides

To further support learning at home, we will share a weekly Google slide to students (they will need to check their email account for this), and this will also be shared to Seesaw. These slides will let you know what learning in Whanake looks like for the week to help you plan and structure your week and offer other ideas for your child to do. However, as we mentioned earlier, it is up to you and your whānau to find a way that works for you. You will notice on our slide deck that we have planned activities



until Friday; this is so that we are ready for the week ahead if we continue Learning@Home beyond Tuesday. [Here is the link for this week's slide deck.](#)

Google Hangouts Meet

To keep in touch as a team and to have the opportunity to check in with each other, the Whanake teachers will be organising our first Google Hangouts Meet on Tuesday at 11.30 am for half an hour. This is optional and will be a time to catch up as a team and play some fun games. Your child's teacher will be in touch with the details to join this Meet.

Getting in touch

As always, your first port of call is your child's teacher. Teachers can be contacted by our email address (kayleighp, joellec, elizabethb, gretad @kelburnnormal.school.nz), and we will be online to view and respond to emails between the hours of 9 am - 3 pm each day (Monday - Friday).

Our thanks for your support, as always.

Kind regards,
Joelle, Kayleigh, Liz and Greta