



Bairds Mainfreight Primary School

29 August 2021

Kia Ora, Kia Orana. Malo e lelei, Fakalofa lahi atu, Talofa lava, Bula Vinaka, Greetings

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Again we would like to thank you for the amazing job you are doing helping your tamariki with their learning. We have enjoyed seeing and chatting with many of you in our Zoom sessions.

As announced by the NZ Government on Friday, it is very likely that Auckland will remain at Alert Level 4 for another couple of weeks. What does this mean for your tamariki and their learning? It means that we will continue to learn from home.

For families who have a device and haven't already done so, please contact your child's class teacher or read the previous emails from teachers which tell you how your child can join their teacher online.

We would like that all children who are able to join, join their Google Classroom. This is the platform BMPS is using while we are all teaching and learning from home. You can also download the Google Classroom app on your phone. If you would like help with this, please contact your child's class teacher and they will send you instructions.

Zoom is the app that many teachers are using to (video) meet with their class online. You can download the Zoom app onto your phone. This would allow your child to connect and chat with their class and do some fun activities with their teacher too. It would be great to see even more of our tamariki in their class Zoom session. Again, if you need any support, please contact your child's class teacher.

For tamariki who have no internet/device: this week we are organising for a courier to pick up learning packs from school to deliver to every student who is enrolled at BMPS. This pack is from the Ministry of Education and contains incredible resources for you and your child to use for home learning. There is a parent guide in the pack to help you. Please note, some of the material may be at a higher level than your child e.g. some of the books may be for you to read to your child, rather than for your child's independent learning.

Last week we asked for you to email us if you had changed address. The packs will be sent to the address we have on record. If this address is not correct we will not be able to access a new learning pack for your child. Updated addresses must be sent to us by Monday at 10am. Please email:



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We are aware that many of you are isolating, are trying to work from home, have one device between many family members etc. Please, know that we are aware of this and do not want to add any stress. You and your family's health and well-being is our priority.

We understand that many of you are still trying to juggle work and now looking after your tamariki. Please know that we are here to help you in any way that we can.

Last week we shared a few tips which may help you as you navigate trying to work and help your tamariki from home:

- Your family's health and well-being is number one.
- Provide a place and time at home for learning.
- Set up a daily routine.
- Make sure that you all have lots of breaks (outside when possible).
- When you can, talk with your child about his/her activities and feel free to do the learning with your tamariki.
- Limit and monitor TV watching, gaming, social media and computer time.
- Have a set time for your child to get up each day.
- Have a set time for your child to go to bed each day.
- Have realistic expectations about your child's learning-some days they may do more than others.

I would like to finish by saying how thankful I am to be working with such incredible teachers. They have done and continue to do an amazing job, as they too juggle life at home and school.

On behalf of BMPS Board of Trustees and staff take care, Kia Kaha and be kind to both yourself and your bubble families.

We will be back in touch soon.

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