

RAUMATI BEACH SCHOOL

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Dear whānau, caregivers and guardians,

RE: 'AT HOME LEARNING'

Yesterday the Prime Minister announced a move to Alert Level 4 from Wednesday at Midnight.

School holidays brought forward

School holidays are being brought forward so that they are completed within the 4 week period. Holidays will now begin from **Monday 30 March to Tuesday 14 April** inclusive (a reminder that the Tuesday after Easter Monday is always a closed day for schools).

At the end of the school holidays, schools will be open for distance learning but **not** physically open for staff to work at the schools.

This means that **from Wednesday 15th April** teachers at RBS will be providing your child with online learning opportunities. Each team at school has prepared a learning support package for students which is appropriate to their level.

Plan for Learning at Home: from Wednesday 15 April

Your children's teachers have been working hard to support students during this uncertain time. The priority for all learners is their safety and wellbeing. We support a focus on fun activities, games and simple family tasks.

I am exceptionally proud of the team here at RBS who have been developing plans prior to them being required.

Across RBS, our planned remote learning aims to support our families by:

- keeping children and families in contact with their school community
- allowing opportunities for students to stay engaged in learning and have daily routines and structure
- encouraging time together as a family, focusing on emotional well being and reassurance
- creating a manageable system during school hours that allows our staff to connect with students whilst caring for the needs of their own family.

Remote learning will look like the following. These resources will be shared with you and your children via seesaw. Years 5-8 will also use google classroom.

Team Kāpiti

Home learning will be via a slideshow across the whole team. This will be uploaded onto Google Classroom. Your child's teacher will keep in communication via email or seesaw each morning. Students can use Seesaw or email to communicate. We encourage students to share photos, clips, messages from home to help them stay connected.

Team Te Moana 5-6

Home learning will be shared via a slide show via Google Classroom and will also be emailed to each student. The slide show contains multiple links to different learning tasks. Your child's teacher will keep daily communication through "read to" sessions shared on Seesaw and a daily "what's new" post. We encourage students to share photos, clips, messages from home on Seesaw to help them stay connected.

Team Te Moana 3-4

Home learning will be shared via a slide show, uploaded to Seesaw. This will be updated weekly with some activities changing. Your child's teacher will keep daily communication through "read to" sessions shared on Seesaw and a daily "what's new" post. We encourage students to share photos, clips, messages from home on Seesaw to help them stay connected.

Team Wharemauku

Home learning will be shared via Seesaw on a PDF Document and this will be supported with daily reading writing and maths posts from our team of teachers as well as a daily story read by one of our team. Your child's classroom teacher will keep in communication with you via seesaw, feel free to upload any learning you wish to share back.

This week teachers will make contact with parents via seesaw.

Yesterday the MOE launched *Learning from home* and *Ki te Ao Mārama*, two new websites to support teachers, learners, parents and whānau so that learning for children and young people can continue.

The websites include resources for parents and whānau. More resources will be added as they're developed.

The information and resources are available at <https://www.learningfromhome.govt.nz/> and <https://www.kauwhatareo.govt.nz/ki-te-ao-marama/>

Hard copy packs are being prepared for learners by both ourselves and the MOE for whānau who don't have connectivity at home.

As always, your first point of contact should be your child's classroom teacher. They will be available to support when and where they can.

We appreciate that these are uncertain times for all of us. I would also like to thank those of you who have sent wonderful messages of support to us here at RBS.

Stay safe and we very much look forward to having busy classrooms, smiling faces and happy learners back here soon. After all, without kids, teachers, support staff and parents, schools are just empty buildings.

Best wishes to all.

Mike Farrelly