



Raglan Area School

TE KURA A ROHE O WHAINGAROA

Sunday 22 August 2021

Tēnā koutou e te whānau

I hope that you have been able to use this time to start to create your new 'normal' as we head into Alert Level 4 Lockdown. Thank you for your patience as we used the end of the week to prepare for our online learning journey.

Our updated **Kura Teina Online Learning site is available as of Wednesday 25 August**. For now, please access [Home Learning TV](#) on TVNZ on Demand and the Ministry of Education's distance learning site: <https://learningfromhome.govt.nz/> There are lots of activities on our RAS website from last year. Here are the links [Years 0-3 Online Learning](#) [Years 4-6 Online Learning](#) [Te Roopuu Online Learning](#)

On Wednesday we encourage you to use this time to navigate and explore the Kura Teina site for Years 0-6 and Te Rōpū Aroha ki te Reo. There you will find on our homepage some general information to help navigate the site. **Online group times with the kaiako (teachers) will start on Thursday 26 August.**

On Wednesday we would like you to familiarise yourself with the following:

1. [RAS website home page](#) to access the Kura Teina Online Learning Site.
2. Click on the tab for Kura Teina Online Learning (for both Years 0-6 English-Medium, and Te Rōpū Aroha ki te Reo)
3. On the left hand side of the site you will find a drop down menu:
 - a. Home Page
 - b. Timetables
 - c. Online Platforms
 - d. TVNZ
 - e. Whaingaroa Wellbeing Wednesday
 - f. Māori Movement
 - g. Junior Writing Prompts
4. Please explore and navigate the learning provided. Participate in what you can.
5. Online classes need to be attended please. If you are unable to do so, contact your kaiako directly.
6. Your child has been allocated an email address and password. Your kaiako will send an email on Tuesday morning with this information.
7. If your child works with Whaea Naomi, our Learning Support Coordinator, she will contact you directly.
8. Whaingaroa Wellbeing Wednesday is in direct response to the surveys carried out after Lockdown 2020. Whilst online learning was identified as important, mental health was identified as a priority. Disconnecting to reconnect through hands-on learning is promoted, with minimal digital time each Wednesday.

Attendance:

We understand circumstances are different for each whānau as we head into lockdown. With that, it is important to note that the Ministry of Education requires us to take attendance. Each student has at least one online class to attend each day. Students in attendance will be marked as present. Non-attendance will be recorded as 'unjustified'. If your child is sick, please use the School App or contact your kaiako (teacher) - this will be recorded accordingly. Repeated absences will require us to

follow school protocols. Please keep us informed as you always do. All students will be recorded as present for Monday-Wednesday this week (August 23-25)

Devices:

A survey has been sent to you regarding access to the internet and the need for devices. Check your emails to complete this.

We are a diverse community, so not all whānau have access to devices or the internet for online learning. It is our privilege to prepare devices for those who require it, in order to access online learning. This requires cleaning, packing, tracking, and the contactless delivery of each device. We request your patience as we follow strict protocols to ensure we do this in a way that keeps our staff, students, and community safe. With only being allowed on site since Friday afternoon, we require this time to meet the needs of *all* our students. Again, thank you for your understanding.

Hard Copy Packs:

These will be provided to students who do not have access to the internet. All other students are expected to attend online learning.

Online Protocols:

Please revise and share with your child

1. Click on to the Google Meet two minutes before class starts.
2. Use the hand sign to raise your hand for speaking.
3. No eating or drinking during class time.

An important note about Online Learning Groups running in Week 5 (Thursday 26 August and Friday 27 August):

- Because this is the first week returning to online learning where we are using the Google Meet platform, we are asking parents to attend the first scheduled Online Learning Groups for Thursday 25 August.
- For Years 0-3, we are asking parents to attend the second scheduled Online Learning Groups for Friday 26 August. This is so that we can do any troubleshooting necessary to make sure that your child is able to join in without any problems. (NOTE: you will need to be logged in to your child's Gmail account).
- Full details on how to access these groups are on the 'Homepage' of the Kura Teina Online Learning Site.

We strongly suggest you consider where your child is for their online classroom time. Some things to consider are background noise (such as dishwashers and TV) and an appropriate room for learning.

Contacting your kaiako:

1. Please email your kaiako directly. All emails are on the 'Home' tab of the Kura Teina Online Learning Site.
2. Kaiako are available outside of online class times between 12pm-3.30pm

We are looking forward to seeing you and your children online in the coming weeks.

Ngā mihi,

Whaea Aroha

Tumuaki Tuarua Kura Teina

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