



Amuri Area School Newsletter 17th April 2020

Monday will be a big day as we all await the final call on the end to level four restrictions. Yesterday the Prime Minister outlined the key points for coming out of a level 4 alert level. The key points related to school are:-

Level Three Announcement

In level **Three** school will be open for students in year 1-10. Attendance will be voluntary with the recommendation you should continue to home school if you can. Amuri will provide BOTH on site and distance options during level Three. No judgement will be made the decision is yours to make! Students in year 11-13 will continue to receive remote delivery during level Three. WHEN /IF we will move to level three will be announced on Monday.

Early next week I will be asking each family in year 1-10 to indicate which option, home or school you will take during level three. This will allow us to plan accordingly. We will be asking you to make a decision one way or another as we cannot manage wild fluctuations in class numbers AND deliver remote learning at the same time. Take some time over the weekend to consider what is best for your family and circumstances and I will be in touch!

Take care of each other!

James

Home Internet Safety

Some great work has been completed to help you keep your children safe online at home. Got to [Switch on Safety.co.nz](https://switchonsafety.co.nz), scroll down and click on the type of device you are using for some simple tips you can use to firm up your home internet security.



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AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND N4L

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Kylee Habgood Year 1-8

Kia ora everyone

Over the last few days I've really enjoyed looking at Seesaw and keeping up with all the home learning that is going on with your children in Year 1-8. I'm sure the learning has extended past what the children are learning and parent's learning has also increased, especially around technology and how it works! For most of us, our children are busy showing us their techno knowledge and leaving us parents well behind. Despite the issues behind the scenes, without technology this home learning challenge would be so much harder and the teachers would not be able to immediately see what the students have been doing, or the support being provided at home. Bravo to all of the parents, siblings and other bubble personel who are providing support for our learners. The teachers are very grateful for the messages of support and the feedback we have been receiving. It's comforting to know that our parents and whanau understand the challenges we are facing as teachers as well. Thank you.

Please do ensure to email the class teacher if you are having any issues with the workload or technology. We are here to help!

We are all in this together.

Nga mihi

Kylee Habgood

Penny Mossman Year 9-13

This week has seen a return to school using remote learning which may not be ideal but is the new normal for many of our students for the foreseeable future.

The changes for Level 3 mean that all our Year 11-13 students will continue to learn online and aside from the subjects with specific practical requirements the course work being covered will remain the same. It is important to understand that there will be some tweaking of courses to incorporate replacement standards that are suitable for remote learning and assessment. These changes will be advised by teachers and are not optional - we are operating in very different conditions for the foreseeable future and our aim is to provide courses that enable students to achieve their NCEA Levels. This is most important at Level 2 & 3.

It has been great to hear from staff how their 9-13 classes are progressing and the numbers of students who are attending zoom meetings and working on the programmes and platforms being used by teachers. I am getting feedback on some great Social Studies work from Year 9 - well done. It is disappointing that some students have yet to engage – this is something we will monitor but if access or other issues are behind this please let James, Liz or myself know. We do appreciate that the return to school will place additional stress on some families so we will do all we can to help.

The alert level change to level 3, when it is implemented, will mean that the children in Years 1-10 of essential workers may return to school, but again we fully understand many parents will want to keep their students at home. This means that for Year 9 & 10 getting into an online routine is really important and feedback from staff again is that many of our students are doing this well.

The next couple of weeks will have challenges for both students, families, and teachers as we get more adept at teaching and learning in the online space and getting used to virtual communication. We are all in this together so be kind to yourself and patient with one another – together we will get there.....wherever that finally is!

On behalf of the senior staff take care and stay safe in your bubble.

Penny Mossman

Please do not enter school grounds or use school play equipment. These have been closed by the Ministry of Health at this time.

Getting back to School!

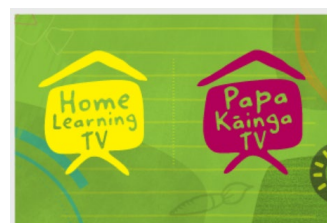
You may have seen over the last weekend the tentative proposal to reopen school for some or all students on the 29th April. It does seem this will be confirmed one way or another on April the 20th.

From speaking to many of you I know there are some real worries and concerns out there around returning your child to school and opinions range dramatically from household to household. The details around what this return may look like should (all being well) be available by the end of next week and I wanted to give you a chance to ask any questions in an open forum as your concerns are probably shared by many others. I cannot promise to know all the answers but at the least I can compile a list to follow up with the Ministry of Education on your behalf.

To this end on **Friday 24th April I will be running FACEBOOK Live Sessions on this page at 12 noon and again at 6pm** to outline what the plan is for the immediate future and answer any questions you may have online. You will be able to type in your questions for all to see and I will do my best to answer them for you.

We may see delivery of some Ministry provided loan devices this week to identified students to supplement the ones we have already provided. Please note that these are on loan and the expectation is these will be returned to school on the day we return in the majority of cases. We still have some left to help with this if you are struggling with device access at home so please ask if needed. I do not know the expected arrival or provision for Ministry provided home learning packs at this time.

Learning from Home TV



<https://learningfromhome.govt.nz/>

Home Learning | Papa Kāinga TV and Māori Television will start education programme broadcasting for early learners and students (Years 1–10) from 9am on Wednesday 15 April.

Home Learning | Papa Kāinga TV will be shown, **free to air**, on **TVNZ channel 2+1** and on **TVNZ on Demand**, as well as on **Sky Channel 502**. It will run from 9am to 3pm on schooldays with programming for children and young people aged 2 to 15, as well as for parents.

Māori Television will also be broadcasting te reo educational programmes (for ages 2 to 18) from 9am to 3pm on schooldays.

Thanks

Just a quick thank you to Andrew, Kelly and the team at the local Four Square. They have been the central hub for distributing school owned devices over the last weeks. Thanks so much we could not do this without you!



Needing help?

Mental Health and Social Services are still available through school. If you would like to access some help for specific situations contact Liz Teulon for a referral to appropriate agency – either text 021 0283 2918 or email liz@amuri.school.nz

Rhona Roberts our school nurse is available by text and asks that you leave a message and she will get back to you. 027 8087 105.

Mana Ake has appointed a new person and should have contacted all those on the wait list. Please call Liz on the number above if this hasn't happened.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Celine Barnes who has been awarded funding from the rotary club to take part in a Spirit of Adventure voyage. Definitely something to look forward to post lockdown!

Resignation

Sadly we are saying farewell to Mr Asi who has chosen to move closer to his family at this time. He will continue to provide work for students until the end of lockdown. Our timetable for level three is under development now we know the parameters to inform you for after this time. We wish him all the very best in for the future..

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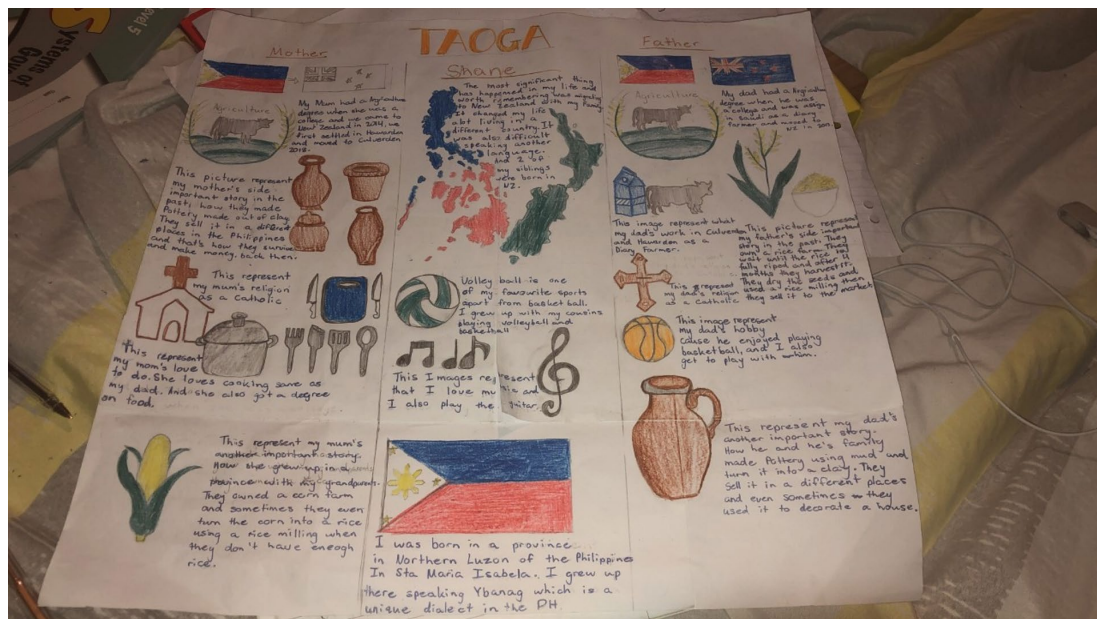
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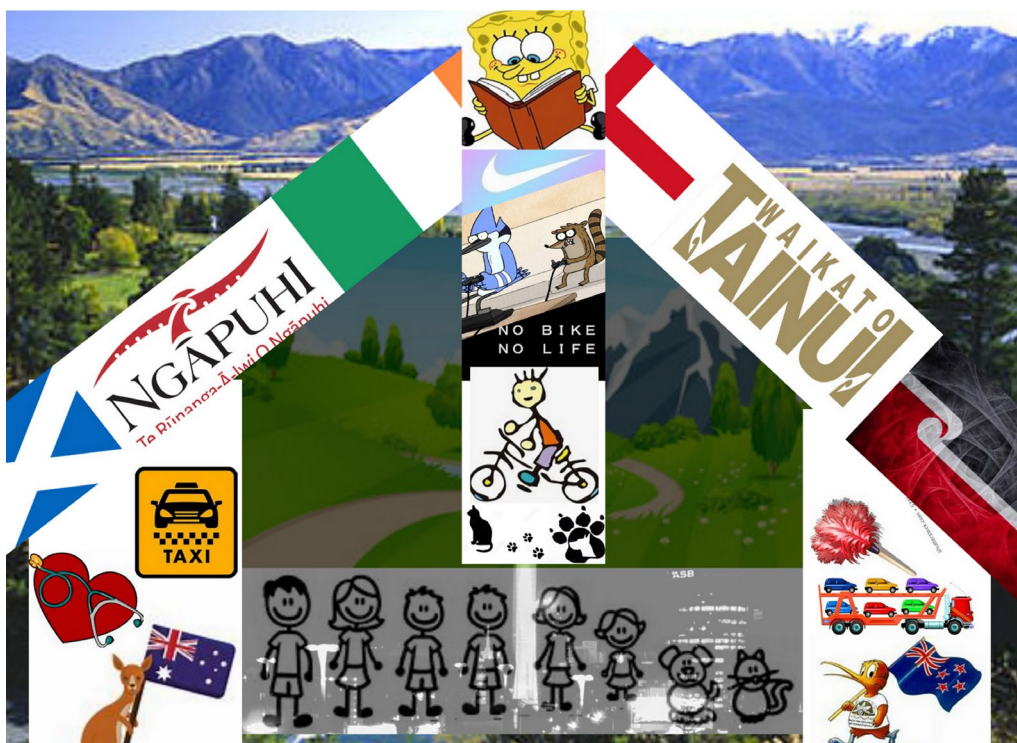
Some impressive home learning!

These are from our Year 9 Assessments for unit of "Taonga". Students had to research their family story and culture then present this information in the form of images/symbols attaching them onto a "Whare" as part of the assignment along with some dialogue explaining more about the images and how they tell their families story.

Shane Gannaban

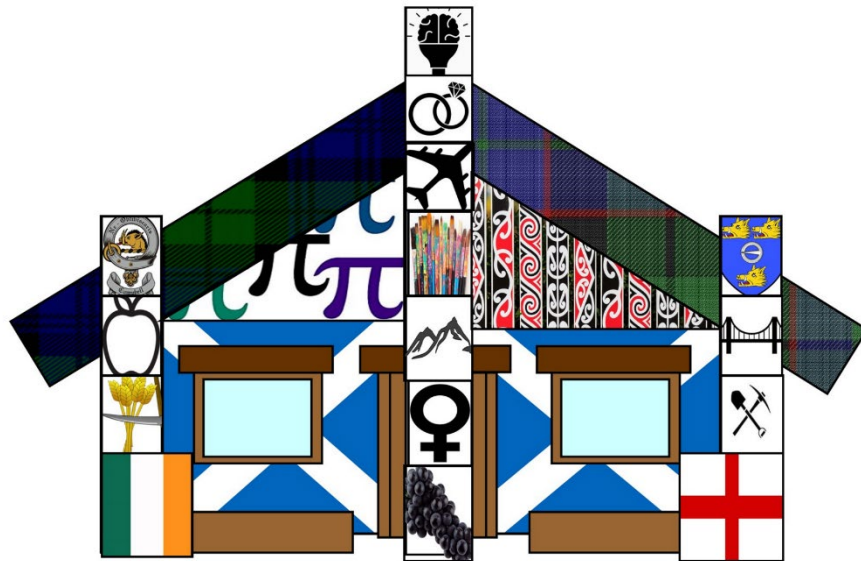


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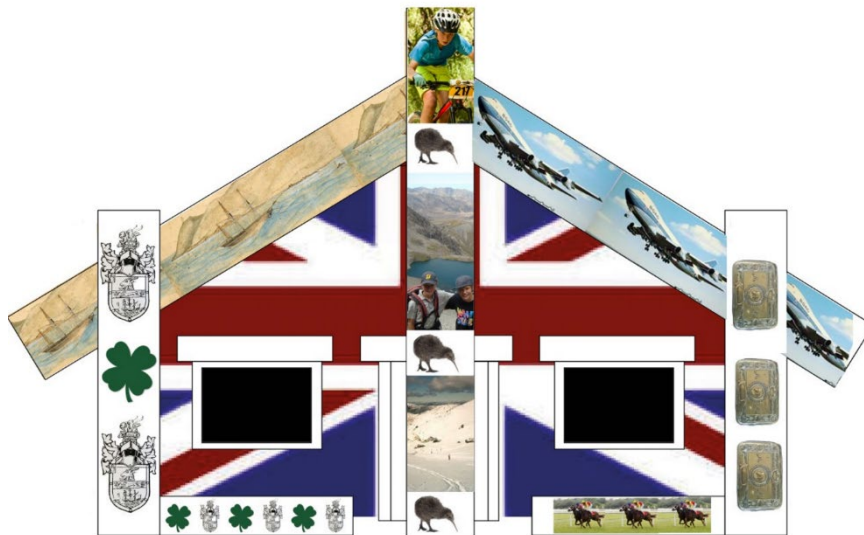


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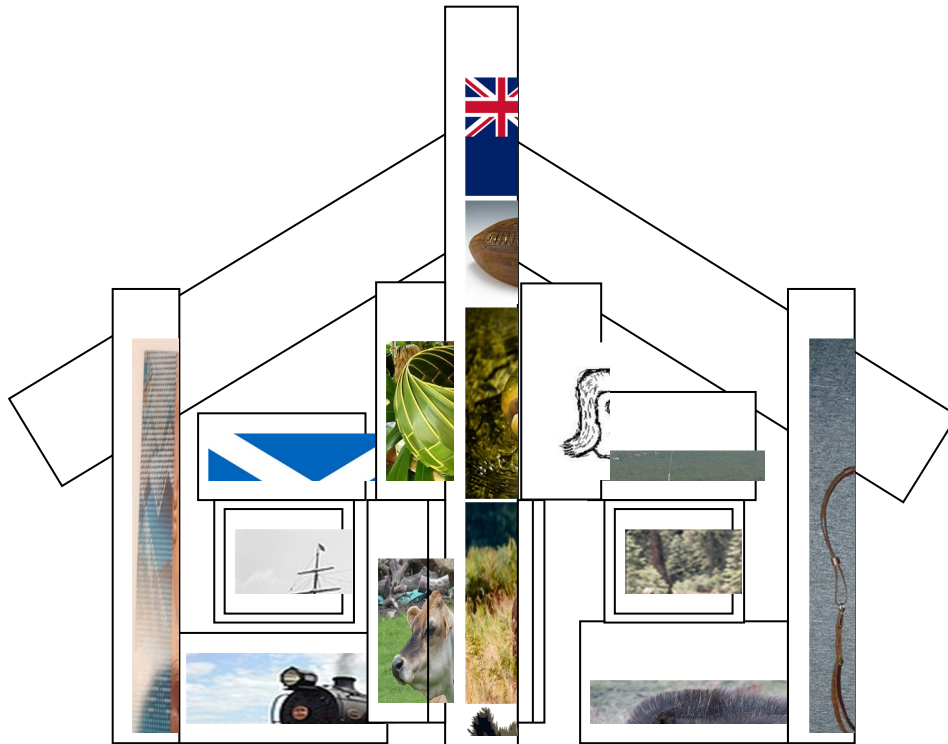
WHARE ASSESSMENT



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