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Dear Charles Wakelin

Hi Pop! It’s Alice. Nayland College is pretty fun. I am learning a lot and enjoying it way more than I was enjoying school last year. I'm a year 9 now which was 3rd form when you went to school. Mum (Nicky) is fine. She is busy with work though so I am spending time with Dad. (Nigel says hi). Nana is still worried about you but she is well and comfortable. We are all okay so you don’t have to worry too much about us.

We are currently stuck in isolation due to the global virus COVID-19. It’s not as bad as I thought it would be, isolation I mean (the virus is horrible, but I'm sure you have heard that.) I used to think that it was all an exaggeration. I thought we were untouchable in our safe corner of the world but then there was the first case in Auckland, and then there was a case in the Nelson Marlborough region and, well, reality check. I'm not scared, well for myself at least. I'm worried for Nana, Dot & Rob, and of course you. Since I've got a lot of spare time on my hands, I have been reading (I've already read a 500 page book! Are you proud?) and listening to a lot of music, and believe me A LOT. Maybe by the end of these 4 weeks in isolation I will know all the lyrics to all the songs in my playlists.

Since school had to close down we have been doing our work at home online. I have been completing tasks for Science, PE/Health, Social studies, Food technology, Spanish, English, Art and Maths. Since we have four weeks Dad and I have decided that we will do some cooking challenges. Speaking of food, I made butter chicken last night for dinner. I don’t know how I am going to cope honestly. I can’t go out and do stuff, we can’t go hunting (Dad is saddest about that) no fishing, no visiting family or friends. The hardest part will probably be not being able to go to Jiu Jitsu training.

What do you think you might be doing for the next few weeks? Will you find something to do so you don’t get bored? I hope you find something fun to do to pass the time at least. Will you please say hi to Shazz for me? Stay happy and healthy. I love you Pop.

Your loving Granddaughter.

Alice Neiman

