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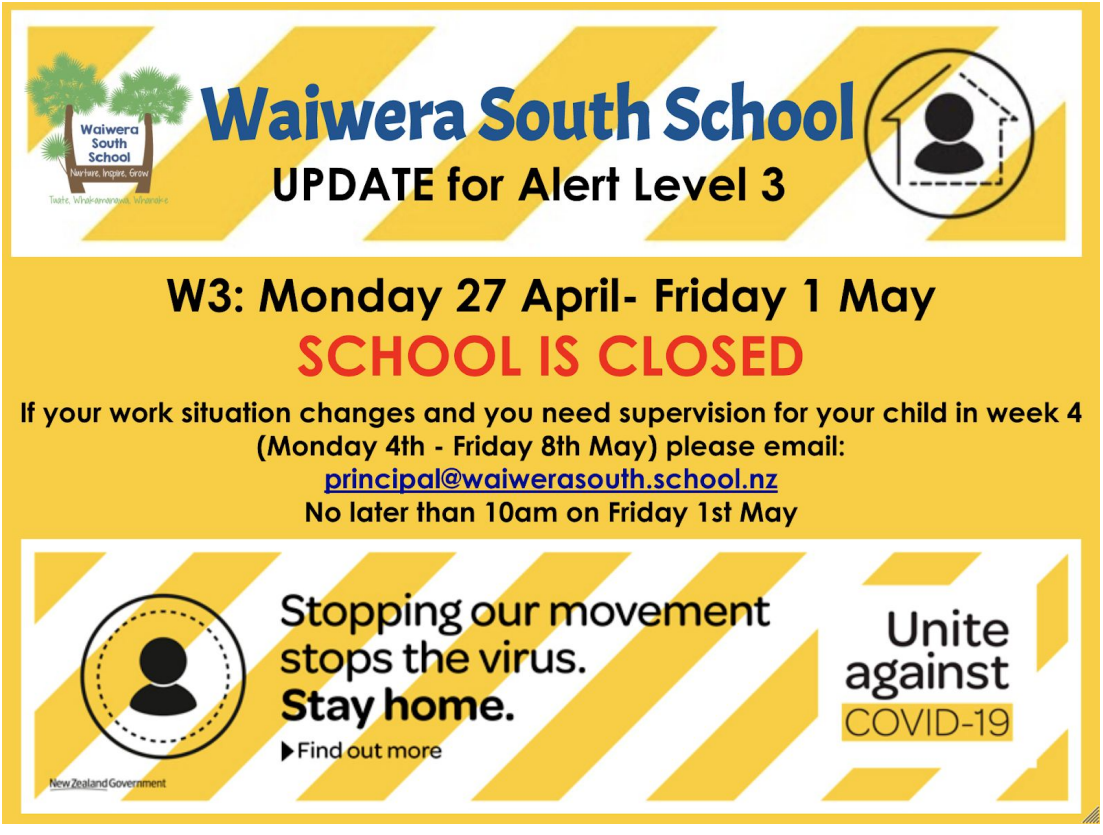
Upcoming Events

Thursday 26th March	First official day on Level 4 lockdown in NZ
Friday 27th March	Last Day of Term 1
Monday 30th March	School holidays brought forward and started today (in lockdown)
Wednesday 15th April	Term 2 start date (home schooling during lockdown in level 4)
Tuesday 28th April	Dropped to Level 3 lockdown in NZ + Teachers Only Day - Waiwera South Distance Learning
Thursday 30th April	Technology - Distance Learning
Thursday 14th May	Technology
Thursday 28th May	Technology
Monday 1st June	Queen's Birthday - No School
Tuesday 2nd June →	School Book Fair Starts
Friday June 5th	Book Day Dress Up
Thursday 11th June	Technology
← Friday 12th June	School Book Fair Finishes
Thursday 25th June	Technology
Friday 3rd July	Last day of term 2



NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora e te whānau o Waiwera South,

Wow what an unusual, crazy and changing time we are living through. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the fabulous job you are doing at home with your children while working either from home or on the farm - not an easy feat to juggle.
I understand that each and everyone of us - both as adults and children, will return to school and to life with contact when we are safe to, having had vastly different experiences during the lockdown, and with a wide range of reactions to the pandemic. It is going to take a long time but the ongoing effect on individuals may be diverse, some people will transition back to the 'new normal' easily, others may find it hard to cope and struggle and anxieties may manifest themselves after we leave our bubbles and the 'new normal' resumes. We are doing our best at Waiwera South to ensure that we have systems in place and are able to support the children and adults as they return to school after Level 3 ends.
Level 4 and social isolation has not been easy, we have had to create a new way of learning and getting information out to families. We have tried really hard to create work that we know will keep the children engaged, their brains ticking over but not to put too much pressure on you as families - I hope we have got the balance right. I have said to many people that if we could pick a place to be isolated we have drawn a pretty good straw - not only are we used to being a little isolated (being rural) - but we have space to get out and move - and the weather on the whole has been fabulous. I have been discussing with the children the importance of looking at the positives of all situations - and there are many!
I know the Senior Class have been working on some fabulous At Home Projects - like their own Genius Hour project at home - I can see some of the learning that has gone into these and it is incredible - well done Senior Class. Throughout the newsletter you will see some great examples of what our children have been up to - thank you parents for supporting your children in their various learning activities at home.
It has been discussed a lot in the media and via Ashley Bloomfield and Jacinda Arden's daily broadcasts that we are not going 'back to normal'. It is going to be a process that takes time, things that we have always done, will be done differently. We will all be adapting together. Waiwera South has no children returning to school during Level 3, I will continue to email families as changes are made and implemented - please keep checking emails.
I was in a Zoom meeting last week with a bunch of other educators and we discussed how this would play out - a word that was used to describe what we were going through as a country and as educators working our way through the effect of COVID-19 was 'takiwātanga' - meaning in one's time and in one's place. That it will happen as it happens - we can't rush it. I actually like the not rushed feel that has settled over us.

We need to continue to be kind and be mindful of what the situation is doing to others around us. Reach out to those that may need it.

I know that although I have really enjoyed being in my bubble, working from home does have its trials - especially our dodgy internet and three of us needing it! I am secretly looking forward to getting back to work and catching up with all the children and families and their stories.

Take care - stay safe - be kind.

Heoi anō tāku mō nāianei
Ngā manaakitanga

Kaz Bissett

SPECIAL "LOCKDOWN" BIRTHDAY WISHES

go to . . .

Charlie Anderson

who turned ten on the 22nd April

&

Ryan Miller

Who will turn six on the 10th May

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The Ministry of Education Distance Learning hub is constantly being updated - You can look here for any advice or if you would like some new ideas to help you with what is being sent home
https://education.govt.nz/covid-19/distance-learning

We are on the search for any

Black Polythene Potting bags or pots for potting our natives

If you have any that are just sitting around collecting dust, we would greatly appreciate any donations to the Waiwera South School.

Waiwerian's out there doing it...

Due to everyone being in this nationwide lockdown we have plenty on Waiwerian's out there doing things. Here are some things you have sent in to us.

Charleigh & Ryan Campbell cooking up a storm

Finn Harrison doing some reading practice

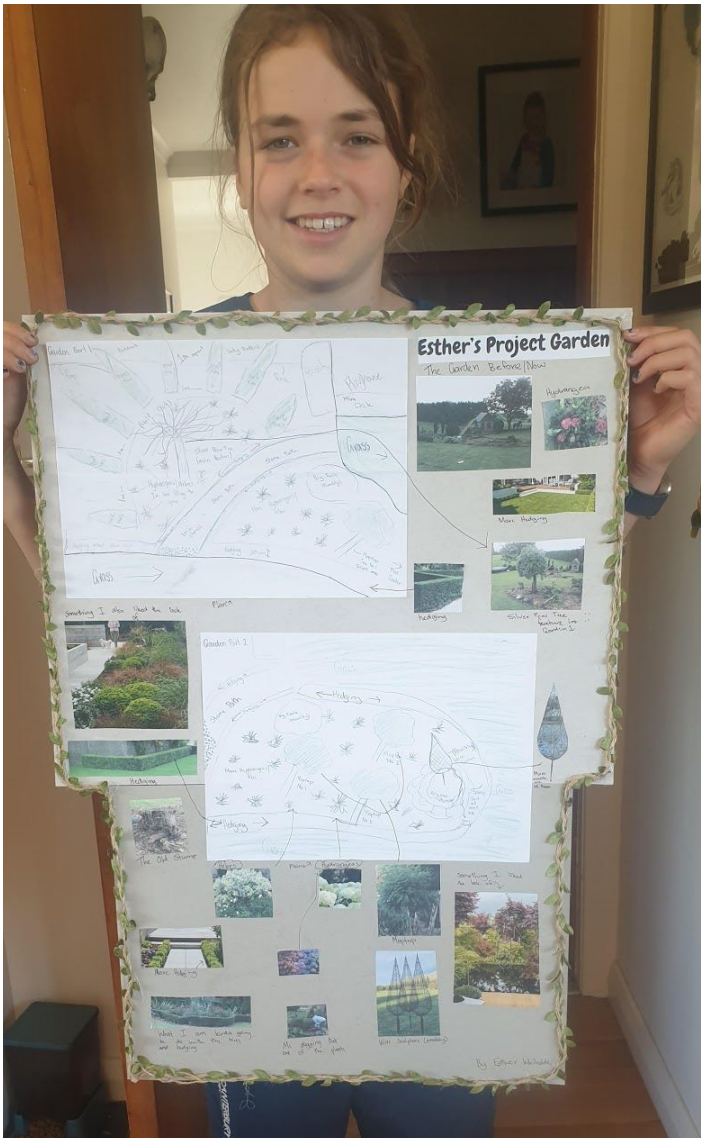
Elyssa Stapleforth's ANZAC Poppy she drew

Ryan Miller - the jet skiing firefighter

Emily & Zoe Cleghorn spending time on Penny

10 things I love about my bubble! By Bree Campbell

1. I get to spend more time with Jen, I also get to train and exercise three times as much as I regularly do and I think she is loving it.
2. My nursery is going a lot better because I am getting heaps done because it is one of the very little things I can do. I have spent so much time with it that I have run out of potting mix.
3. I am making a lot of pocket money because I am helping Dad so much, and I am loving it. We are doing a lot of yard work and probably ticking off a lot of jobs on Dad's to-do list.
4. Lockdown is making me get better at Guitar because I am practicing much more than I probably used to and I have learnt all the songs by heart.
5. I get to do school in my pyjamas and in front of the fire or in bed.
6. We get to bake and cook a lot more, we are taking turns to cook tea and we made hot-cross buns which are 1,000,000x better than bought ones.
7. Apart from running I feel like I am doing things to keep me fit at home like going for walks and I did Mum's fit class.
8. Another thing I like about lockdown is that I am getting through my books much faster because I am reading more.
9. We are doing a lot of hard puzzles (we are on 3/5)
10. A lot more family time



Esther Whiteside's planning for her at home project.
She is redesigning a garden with Mum.

Caitlyn Forde is working on her at home project!
We can't wait to see the finished product!!

James Liggett - The Man Who Walked Between Two Towers writing piece

As I was dancing along the wire like a ballet dancer, the astonished police yelled at me to get me off the wire, but I didn't listen. I decided to lie down on the wire, the sun climbing over the tops of buildings. I could see seagulls swooping over and under me, squawking at me, I was wondering what they were thinking?

As the city woke up the building's eyes opened I noticed hundreds more eyes on me. The streets filled with traffic and rushing pedestrians on their way to work. Focusing back to the wire underneath me I realised I'd been up there long enough.

Emily Cleghorn - The Man Who Walked Between Two Towers writing piece

Just before I stepped out onto the thick wire I felt a quick jolt of nerves but I didn't let that stop me from doing what I wanted. I took one deep breath then off I went. As soon as I left the South Tower I felt free in the wind, as if the wind could just pick me up like I was a feather. When I was getting near the North Tower I saw the police and heard them yell something I couldn't really hear but I just knew that they were going to arrest me. So I turned around and went back the way I came then went back and forth until I got used to the wire. When I got confident I did some dancing and for the finale I lay down - rope to spine - and just lay there for a wee bit until I got up, bowed, then went over to the police and held out my hands so they could put the cold, hard, metal handcuffs on my wrists.

Ryan Cleghorn plucking a possum

Florence, Beau & Harriet with their ANZAC creations

SERGEANT DAN PALLETS - SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Thank you so much to all the past support from the community with this great fundraiser. The Parent Plus group will be collecting these pallets again in the coming year. If you have any pallets that you would prefer out of the way and gone, we would be happy to take them off your hands.

We would really appreciate our school families and anyone else to drop them off at Anna & Craig Whiteside's but if you can't get them there yourselves we can arrange to pick them up from you.

Please contact... Madeline 0274626184 to make the arrangements.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday 1st November 2020

Waiwera South School is running a

Home & Garden Tour

Keep an eye out for more details to come

Bree & Libby Campbell with their fantastic poppy creations

Ryan Miller has been busy building a bike track with jumps, baking and cooking meals for the family, art, he's camped in the lounge, made boats with Dad and sent them down the creek. He's had lots of exploring with Mum & his sisters, they found both a pear and walnut tree they didn't know they had. Been doing LEGO & puzzles, lots of video calling and has had a few Zoom calls with his mates from school.

Caitlyn & Lincoln Forde with their roadside poppy creations, the day they put them out & the photo below, ANZAC morning.

When we do return to school there will be guidelines we need to follow to keep us safe - this poster graphic gives us an outline of what is expected at school at Level 3

Please follow these simple rules:

Tell us your plans early

- Let us know early that your child will be attending so we can plan for them.

Essential visitors only

- Please ensure your visits to the school or early learning service are essential.
- Use the sign-posted entry point.

Drop off and pick up your child at the time you are given

- Your early learning service or school may require you to drop off or pick up your child at a particular time.
- Please help with staggered arrival and pick up times, if required.

Record your visit in the register

There are two registers:

- **Visitor register** – All site visitors must be recorded in the visitor register, which will record your name, time in and out, date, phone number and physical address. This assists with contact tracing if necessary.
- **Contact tracing register** – Your school or early learning service also keeps a register that identifies which children and adults are in each teaching space.

Maintain a 2 metre distance at all times

- Keep any on-site visit short.
- Maintain a 2 metre distance from those who are not part of your household, workplace or school bubble.

Sick children must stay at home

- Please keep children at home if they are sick. A sick child will be sent home.
- If your child is at higher risk of severe illness from Covid-19, they must stay at home.

Practice good hygiene

- Wash and dry your hands, cough into your elbow, don't touch your face.
- There's hand sanitiser available around the school or early learning service. Please use this if you touch surfaces.

Covid-19 cases

- You will be advised if your school or early learning service is connected to a confirmed or probable case of Covid-19. You will be advised of any actions to be taken.
- The site must close for 72 hours to allow contact tracing and cleaning. They may be physically closed for a further 14 days.

COVID-19 INFORMATION

Find out more at **education.govt.nz**

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