



LOCKDOWN LEARNING

Well, we didn't see that one coming! While we had heeded the warnings about the Delta variant and started to think about what lockdown learning may look like for Maungakaramea, none of us thought that we would be plunged into lockdown with 6 hours notice last Tuesday night!! But we have risen to the challenge. Our teachers have worked incredibly hard to produce quality online and hard copy distance learning programmes for our tamariki. Our students are engaged and enthusiastic - we have been overwhelmed with the number and quality of entries to the daily lockdown challenge.

We miss you all and can't wait to see you back in School when we are able to re-open. Until then, stay safe in your bubbles, and keep sharing your lockdown journeys with us on Facebook and SeeSaw.

DISTANCE LEARNING

Teacher-led distance learning began on Monday 23rd August. Students are working through hard copy packs, or online learning packages - details have been emailed out and are on our website.

Teachers have been working hard and will continue to do so throughout lockdown. Teachers will be available to support parents and students, and will be actively checking Seesaw between 9am-12pm, Monday- Friday during lockdown.

Outside of these hours teachers will be preparing for additional lessons or spending time with their whanau during lockdown. Other than your teachers, Mr Schu is very happy to be contacted directly to support you in using these online tools, including after 12pm (principal@mgk.school.nz).

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation during this time.

Please remember that Distance Learning is optional and we understand the pressure that comes onto families during this time.

THANK YOU

To our amazing, hard-working, dedicated teachers. They have worked incessantly since lockdown started:

- developing distance learning packages for our tamariki
- venturing out during lockdown to deliver hard copy resources to those who needed them
- setting the students tasks daily, and supporting and encouraging the children in their work

Many of our teachers are parents themselves, and are also balancing supporting their own children alongside this huge workload. We really appreciate the work that they are doing, and their dedication to our kids.

To the parents who are supporting their children through this time with distance learning.

To all our tamariki for the enthusiasm they are bringing to their activities and interactions with staff.



LOCKDOWN LEARNING

Our children are throwing themselves into lockdown learning activities! Here are some photos that have been shared on our Facebook pages.



We have been blown away by your support of our Daffodil Day fundraiser, having raised \$613.71 by 2pm on Friday!! Thank you so much everyone! And look at all this yellow...

Link: <https://www.daffodilday.org.nz/maungakaramearschool>





Maungakaramaea Lockdown Whānau Group Challenge



Each day during Lockdown there will be a new challenge.
Complete the challenge and email your entry to Mr Schu principal@mgk.school.nz You may need your parents help to email.
One entry per student.
All entries are due by 5pm.
Mr Schu will judge and announce winners the next day.

Earn 1 point for your Whānau Group per entry.
1st Place wins 25 points
2nd Place wins 15 points
3rd Place wins 5 points



Challenge #1

Time to get creative!
Create an artwork. Use any materials you like.
Take a photo of the end product and email it to Mr Schu by 5pm today, Monday 23rd August 2021.
Mr Schu will judge and announce winners tomorrow.

Earn 1 point for your Whānau Group per entry.
1st Place wins 25 points
2nd Place wins 15 points
3rd Place wins 5 points



Challenge #1 Winners

1st

Layla



2nd

Alexander



3rd

Hannah



Challenge #1 Special Mentions

2 Whānau points each

Charlie



Mr Schu creation

Else



Mum, dad and siblings all helped with this creation

Jolie



First emailed

Lewis



Check out his video

Running Totals

End of Challenge #1



NIKAU
52



KAURI
18



POHUTUKAWA
7



Challenge #2

Masterchef

Make a dish at home, take a photo of it. Points will be awarded for creativity, presentation etc.
Take a photo of the end product and email it to Mr Schu by 5pm today, Tuesday 24th August 2021.
Mr Schu will judge and announce winners tomorrow.

Earn 1 point for your Whānau Group per entry.
1st Place wins 25 points
2nd Place wins 15 points
3rd Place wins 5 points



Challenge #2 Winners

1st

Jiya



2nd

Amelia



3rd=

Winnie and Morgan



Challenge #2 Special Mentions

2 Whānau points each

Carson



Scariest Creation

Josh



First emailed

Leo



Best Presented

Tyler



Healthiest

Challenge #3

PARALYMPICS NEW ZEALAND

- Search 'paralympics' on Google. What happens on the screen? Why?
- Design and create an item to show our support for our Wheelblacks. It can be a video, poster, song etc - use your imagination.
- Email your item to Mr Schu. We will be sending all contributions straight to the team in Tokyo - so make sure it's something you are proud to share.

Mr Schu by 5pm today, Wednesday 25th August 2021.
Mr Schu will judge and announce winners tomorrow.

Challenge #3 Winners

1st

Sienna



2nd

Tyler and Angus



3rd=

Terangi



Challenge #3 Special Mentions

2 Whānau points each

Alexander



Layla, Laura and Josh



Mrs Lonergan and Jiya



Challenge #4

Grand Designs

Create an awesome 3D structure using anything you have- lego, boxes, random stuff etc.

Take a photo of the end product and email it to Mr Schu by 5pm today, Thursday 26th August 2021.

Mr Schu will judge and announce winners tomorrow.

Earn 1 point for your Whānau Group per entry.

1st Place wins 25 points

2nd Place wins 15 points

3rd Place wins 5 points

Challenge #4 Winners

1st

Deeago



2nd=

Milly and Lewis



3rd

Elsa



Challenge #4 Special Mentions

2 Whānau points each

Cala-bel



Fergus



Sienna



Winnie



Running Totals

End of Challenge #4



NIKAU
155



KAURI
93



POHUTUKAWA
123

SCHOOL NOTICES

IMPORTANT DATES

****DUE TO COVID-19 ALERT LEVEL CHANGES, SOME OF OUR EVENTS MAY BE CANCELLED OR POSTPONED. WE WILL LET YOU KNOW AS SOON AS WE HAVE THAT INFORMATION****

1 SEPTEMBER - WPSSA CROSS COUNTRY
17 SEPTEMBER - SCHOOL DISCO
30 SEPTEMBER - KERERU/PUKEKO TRIP TO
FLIP OUT & THE POOLS
1 OCTOBER - END OF TERM 3
18 OCTOBER - START OF TERM 4
30 OCTOBER - COUNTRY DAY

THURSDAYS - YEAR 7 & 8 TECH @ TAS
THURSDAYS - MUSIC LESSONS
ALTERNATE THURSDAYS - ASSEMBLY @
2.30PM (2 & 16 SEPTEMBER, 1 OCTOBER
(FRIDAY))
FRIDAYS - LUNCH ORDERS
ALTERNATE FRIDAYS - NEWSLETTER
(10 & 24 SEPTEMBER)

People of the Week:

Our entire Maungakaramaea
School Community for
their resilience and
supportiveness during the
last week and a half



A reminder from the Ministry of Education:

Please remember that school grounds remain closed at Alert Level 4. Playgrounds (including public playgrounds) are also closed to reduce the risk of the virus spreading. We know it's hard to keep occupied and active during lockdown, especially with children and young people.

A big thank you to everyone for following the rules, and staying safe – we've seen before that staying at home will break the chain of transmission and save lives.

If you need any support for your tamariki at this time, please do get in touch with your early learning service, school or kura. They, and us, are here to help you.

I could not be more proud of the achievements and successes we have had over the last week and a half. Parents becoming teachers, students taking responsibility for their own learning, teachers going the extra mile in all areas, and the overall cyber respect I am seeing in all areas of our Virtual School. Lockdown can be a trying time for all families. It has been great to see families interacting together through our Whānau challenges and supporting their children with Distance Learning.

Please keep a close eye on our School Facebook page and your emails for updates on the Alert Level and what Maungakaramaea School's approach and strategy will be. With a limited number of students being allowed onsite and many of our staff unable to be physically onsite due to a variety of reasons, Alert Level 3 will be the most difficult to manage.

As we approach Alert Level 3 there will be an online survey for you all to fill out. It is important that every family fills it out, even if you have no need for school supervision during Alert Level 3. We will have a better idea of our way forward after today's 3pm announcement from Prime Minister, Jacinda Ardern.

Once again, stay safe, keep supporting each other and life will return to normal before we know it.

Ngā mihi,

Simon Schuster
Tumuaki/Principal

**THE
FINAL
WORD**