



## Weekly E-newsletter

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**Kia ora, Talofa Lava, Malo e Lelei, Dia Duit,**

I hope you all continue to be well in your bubbles. Thank you to the parents and students who answered the 'Ask Your Team - SHC Home Learning' survey. The results of the surveys are included in this newsletter. Moving to remote teaching and learning happened very quickly for all of us and we endeavoured that the transition was as smooth as possible for both students and teachers. However, these are unique times and we are doing our best to sort out any glitches that we can.

We are currently preparing our site to open under Alert Level 3. Your daughter will continue to learn online, and supervision will be provided at school. The key message from the Government is that if you can, you should keep your daughter at home. You should only physically send your daughter to school if you need to. If your daughter has a health condition that means she is at a greater risk of a severe illness, you must keep her at home. If your daughter is sick, please also ensure she is kept at home. In saying this we will be accommodating those parents who are working and need to send their daughter(s) to school.

***There will be no teaching online on Tuesday 28 April as this is a Teacher Only Day.*** Teachers will be working on evaluating and planning for further online learning.

I would like to extend my gratitude to all the essential workers in our community. They have made a huge sacrifice and put themselves at risk to ensure we have all that is needed during lockdown. Thank you from the SHC community for helping keep us all safe and well.

Be Kind and God Bless,

**Maria Neville-Foster**  
Principal



## ANZAC Day

The RSA and New Zealand Defence Force would like you to join us to remember those who have given their lives for our country.

This is a time to pay respect and acknowledge the many thousands of our military people who are serving or have served, who are called upon to support New Zealand in times of war, conflict, and disasters.

Join us at 6:00am on Saturday 25 April. Stand at your letterbox, at the front door, in your lounge rooms, balconies, in your driveway. Wherever you are in the world, stand with us and take a moment to remember our fallen but please stay within your 'bubble'.

Tune into Radio NZ National ([AM & FM frequencies](#)), [listen live](#) on the internet or on your phone ([download app here](#)) for the official dawn service broadcast commencing at 6:00am. <https://www.standatdawn.com/home>

## Tips for supporting your daughter's learning while she is learning remotely

### 1. We are on a normal school timetable

- This can be found through the school KAMAR portal and your daughter will have a copy of it already prior to lockdown. The change in Year 9 options which will take place on Wednesday 29 April.
- The reason for keeping to the same timetable was to give continuity to the students during these unusual times, as well as providing the same amount of contact time for teaching and learning.
- All our teachers will be online for the periods that they normally teach and available to help their students with their learning. This does not mean that they are teaching for the whole hour as students need time to process, read and complete work. It does mean that teachers are available for questions, clarifying content etc. This can be done through the chat function or asking the teacher through 'meetings' in video or audio.

### 2. Using TEAMS

- As a school we are using TEAMS (a Microsoft product) as the teaching platform for our lessons. Some of you may use it for communicating online in your place of work during lockdown.
- TEAMS is not just an audio or video software through 'meetings' it also has the option to 'post' work and set 'assignments'. **Please note** assignments are not necessarily assessments but work that would be expected to be completed in class time or over time. If students are concerned about the deadlines set, they should communicate with their teacher.

### 3. What work should my daughter be completing?

- Your daughter should have teaching and learning for all her subjects. There are no free classes, except for Study which are for Year 13 students.
- If you would like to see what is expected in each class or week your daughter can show you the postings for that subject/ class.

We are nearing the end of lockdown and move to Alert Level 3 next week. Over the past four weeks our teachers have very much appreciated the support you have been giving to our students while they learn remotely from home. Like you, our teachers are also in lockdown/ working from home with other commitments and there maybe the odd occasion when they cannot connect to the timetabled class. Teachers will communicate this to the students. We realise that your daughter may not be able to connect to every lesson either. We ask that you let their teachers know as you would do if we were onsite at the College.

**Any work missed by your daughter not being able to connect to the online class can be caught up by checking the 'postings' for that subject.**

## N4L Switch-on-Safety security filter campaign

As part of an overall online safety plan, Network for Learning's (N4L) Switch on Safety Service is available to support online learning on devices used to undertake schoolwork.

The service supports all learners across primary, intermediate and secondary education to learn in a safe online environment, regardless of their location or the network they are connected to. The web filter blocks websites that could be harmful to children.

In only seven days (from 14 March) 6,500 parents have applied the filter settings to their children's device. In this time, the filter has blocked 244,000 attempts to access inappropriate content and blocked 74,000 threats. These numbers further stress the importance of the Service.

**Action:** Please go to the [information on the Learning from home website](#).

Instructions for the specific device a child uses can be accessed directly at [switchonsafety.co.nz](http://switchonsafety.co.nz).

We remind you that safety can't be provided by technology alone – it requires a holistic approach. For tips and advice to support online safety conversations, please direct them to information at [www.netsafe.org.nz](http://www.netsafe.org.nz).

## Message from Lucy and Jacinta



Kia ora girls! It's your Head Girl, Lucy, and Deputy Head, Jacinta, sending a message out during this time to say how proud we are of you all and how well you have responded to our lockdown and online learning. We still hope you are all keeping focused, getting in regular exercise, staying motivated, and managing to stay on top of your online classes and any upcoming internals. With the new announcement that Jacinda Ardern has made about New Zealand moving down to Level 3 in the next week, we do encourage you girls still stay safe at home as your contribution to helping everyone else beat this virus one step at a time is vital.

Even though we can't be with you girls physically, we are always a message away at any time you need us. For any problems or issues that are either stopping you from getting the best out of your learning or someone just to be there for you during this time, remember we are both here and to get in contact! We wish all your families - especially essential workers; prayers, safety, and positive isolation to everyone's homes as we are confident that we will get through this together as a school. We are keeping you in our prayers and hope to see you sometime soon but until then, Kia Kaha, God bless and stay strong girls.

## Ask Your Team SHC Surveys

### Student Wellbeing & Learning from Home Survey April 2020

Question	Score
I know about the coronavirus (Covid-19) and what to do if I feel unwell	90%
I feel safe from coronavirus (Covid-19) while I am learning from home	84%
I have adults I can talk to if I am worried about something	84%
I know how to contact my teacher if I need help with my work	83%
I have friends I can talk to while learning at home	82%
I am doing exercise and eating healthy while I am learning at home	71%
The home learning materials and resources that my school have given me are useful and easy to use	67%
Teachers are providing me with feedback that helps my learning	63%
I can focus on my learning at home	56%

### Parent Wellbeing & Learning from Home Survey April 2020

Question	Score
I believe my child/children feel safe from coronavirus (Covid-19) while learning from home	89%
My child/children are able to access the school's learning resources easily	81%
I am comfortable with the level of supervision I am able to provide for my child/children	75%

Question	Yes	No
Is there anyone in your immediate family/ whānau who is particularly vulnerable to the impacts of coronavirus (Covid-19)?	33%	67%
Do you have any concerns about your child's/ children's emotional or physical wellbeing? If YES, please provide details and your name if you would like someone to contact you.	8%	92%

### Hawke's Bay Basketball Representatives

Congratulations to Anna Haronga and Rikki-Lee Te Kira for their selection into the Hawke's Bay Secondary Girls' Basketball team for 2020. We wish both girls well when their season gets underway again.

