

# Houghton Valley School - Lockdown Newsletter 1



**Caring, Exploring and Inspiring Together**  
***Ka Manaaki, Ka Rapu, Ka Whakamanawa tahi ai tātou***

**Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

**Week 1 of Term 2**



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Kia ora te whanau o Haewai

This is our first newsletter since school closed 22 days ago! A lot has happened in that time for our country as we stay home and safe in our bubbles.

We want to share with you what other whanau are up to. Our weekly newsletters will showcase and share what is happening in our school community so we can stay connected.

Each newsletter will follow the theme of our school vision. We will organise the sections according to the different values. If you would like to submit something to our next edition please email me - [principal@houghton.school.nz](mailto:principal@houghton.school.nz)



## **Ka Manaaki - Caring**

During the past 2 weeks we have had some wonderful stories and photos from our tamariki and whanau. Our school chickens have gone on holiday to Hendriks house and are being well cared for. We want to acknowledge his whanau for taking great care of our heihei during the lockdown. They look very happy!

We are all part of Sustainable Communities and there are so many people we can thank and acknowledge within our family and wider communities in our new 'normal' lockdown. We can show we Care by giving these unsung Inspiring heroes such as our neighbours, or essential workers a special thank you with a card, poem or drawing.

## Movin'March

You'll be pleased to know that all the completed and partially completed Movin'March Passports were sent off before the lockdown and will be in for the draw for \$400 My Ride vouchers. All students will be able to collect some smaller prizes when we get back to school.

I know many of you are out for daily walks or rides with your families, as I've seen lots of you at a distance, of course! You may want to check out the Movin'March Facebook page. There are extra passport cards with new ideas to award yourself (no longer for the prize draw), colouring pages and stories from other schools.

<https://www.facebook.com/movinmarch/>

## Ka Rapu/Exploring

Autumn is a great time of year to find seeds to plant when the weather is warmer. So look out for seeds on your local journeys if you'd like to germinate plants. Rengarenga lillies, Harakeke, Kowhai pods and flower seeds are good to collect now.



← Jacob has been building a fort with his brother. It looks super cosy. Very clever!



Zeita has made a post lock down wish jar. What a great idea!

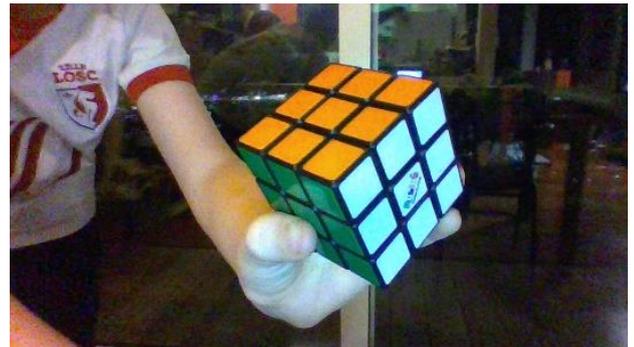


“So far I have learnt the Rubik cube, made a tall 3D puzzle and I have started filmmaking”.  
Gaston

### Ka Whakamanawa/Inspiring

There are many live nature cameras to view and you'll be interested to see how the Royal Albatross chick has grown in his own 'lockdown' nest at the Royal Albatross Centre in Dunedin.

<https://www.doc.govt.nz/nature/native-animals/birds/birds-a-z/albatrosses/royal-albatross-toroa/royal-cam/>



Willow has started a 'Lockdown Diary' in one of her books at home, she is using the prompts from the diary template posted on [mylockdowndiary.com](http://mylockdowndiary.com)



Iris has been finding fun ways to do her learning at home!  
This week she helped her whānau make playdough.  
They learnt about mixing colours, and then made some of her sight words with it.



## Tahi ai tātou/Together

Check out these great ideas on the Department of Conservation website which are [easy practical activities for learning from home, in nature,](#)



We have a few outstanding chiefs in Harakeke. Harry and Hermione have been busy cooking for their families.



Max made the most of the fact no recycling is being collected.

He designed a robot with a little help from his Mum and Dad to fit it all together.

## Home Learning | Papa Kāinga TV and Māori Television

### education broadcasting starts 9am 15 April

<https://thespinoff.co.nz/tv/14-04-2020/what-is-on-the-new-home-school-tv-channels-and-how-do-they-work/>

The low-down on the lockdown educational TV channels, which launch tomorrow. We're still in lockdown, but term two begins this week. What's the story with the new TV channels? This week sees the launch of two new television channels dedicated to broadcasting educational programmes for school



About this website

[THESPINOFF.CO.NZ](https://thespinoff.co.nz)

What is on the new home-school TV channels and how do they work?

### **Free internet safety filter for parents**

While children are learning from home, they are away from the online safety and security services provided by Network for Learning (N4L) at school. So together with N4L and Netsafe, we have launched [www.switchonsafety.co.nz](http://www.switchonsafety.co.nz) - a free way to block the worst of the web for students and teachers.

Please share this website with your parent communities so that they can follow the instructions to set up their child's device for safer connectivity while they learn from home.

Remember, no technical solution is a silver bullet. Please remind your parent community to complement this with digital citizenship toolkits provided by Netsafe.

### **Netsafe**

Netsafe provides comprehensive support and information to support everyone to stay safe as they work, learn and play online. Netsafe has new and updated resources for parents, whānau and students at <https://www.netsafe.org.nz/advice/staying-safe/>

We are looking forward to sharing more stories with you next week so we can connect our Houghton Valley Whanau.

No reira, kia kaha ra,  
Nga Mihi Nui,

Staff at Houghton Valley School