

Houghton Valley School - Home Learning Newsletter 3



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

Wednesday, 29th April 2020

Week 3 of Term 2

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Kia ora te whanau o Haewai

Today was our first day back at school under Level 3. We currently have one bubble at school of 4 students and 2 teachers. Most of our staff will remain working from home until we move into the next phase. This ensures that we can minimize the risk to our staff and students.

None of this would be possible without your support. We thank you. It means a lot to all of us!

We would like to welcome Axelle De Lassus and her family. She will be in Nikau class, Room 3.

Level 3 - Returning to School 4th -8th May

If you need your child/ren to attend school during the week of 4th-8th May you need to complete this [form by Thursday 30th April by 2.30pm](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfQ1V42pQRLPSowO3qdonpp9F5-uxyH4DHQ8T9NXYh63gCfRw/viewform?usp=sf_link). We need to prepare the site and see if we require more staff on site. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfQ1V42pQRLPSowO3qdonpp9F5-uxyH4DHQ8T9NXYh63gCfRw/viewform?usp=sf_link

School Grounds and Site at Level 3

Just a reminder that the Ministry of Education is keeping all school sites closed to those that aren't authorised to attend school. This includes our field, bike track and playgrounds. These are still off limits to the children and staff working in the bubbles onsite too.



Whole School Hui



The highlight of my week was seeing so many of you at our first Whole School Hui. We had over 90 groups login. We are going to run a second hui on Friday 8th May at 2.00pm. We hope you can join us!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88098529085?pwd=b0MreWtTRHE5ZDhhRHVDdkNHbEdydz09>

Password: 198078



Whanau Challenge- Design a Lighthouse Creations

Ralph carefully placed pots, bowls and chopping boards to build a lighthouse.

I'm sure it stands nearly 2 metres. Great balancing!

Ralph used a candle to warn ships of rocks ahead.





Louis and Sylvie made a lighthouse out of a cardboard mailing tube, a plastic cup and a head torch.

They recently enjoyed reading the book 'Hello Lighthouse' by Sophie Blackall, the illustrations are beautiful.

Wow! Your lighthouse light is so bright. Clever idea to use a torch. You have included a door and windows to look inside. Nicola O'Halloran

Whanau Challenge for this Week



2020 Covid-19 Time Capsule: Remember this time in history! A time capsule is like a message for the future. As a whanau choose things which show your time during 2020 Covid- Lock Down.

You might like to include:

- An item of craft you have made
- A piece of writing
- A photo of your whanau
- *Where were you when the Coronavirus happened?*
- *What were your favourite things?*
- *How did you connect with friends?*
- *What did you do to stay busy at home?*
- *How did you celebrate big occasions?*
- *What did you miss the most?*
- *What did you enjoy about staying at home?*
- *What were the challenges?*
- *What are your dreams and hopes for when this is all over?*
- *Your own ideas?*

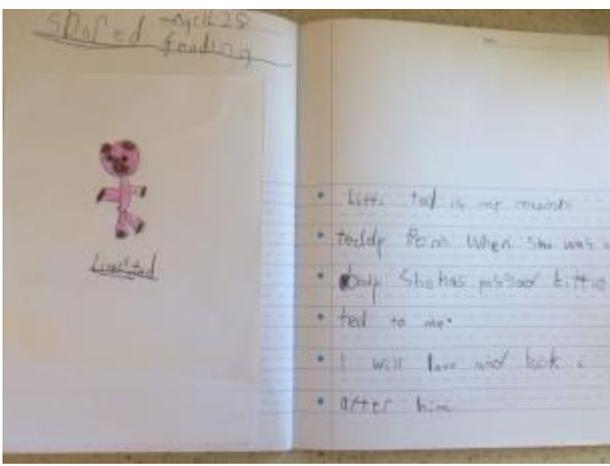


I wonder what sort of container you will put your treasures in? Will you bury your time capsule or just keep it in the cupboard for another time clearly labelled.

Ka Manaaki - Caring



We had a snail race. The smallest snail was the winner and it was cute. I named him Little. I made Little the snail a habitat. We then released Little. By Myra



Talia has been writing about a special family item that has been passed down to her from her Mum.



Ka Rapu/Exploring



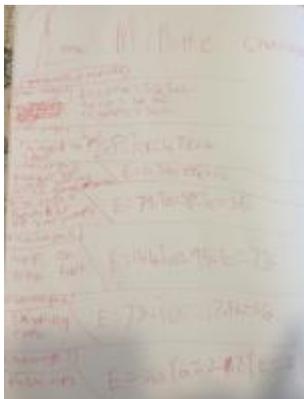
[Wild Eyes](#) is an inspiring online platform developed here in Aotearoa with active missions for tamariki that take them outdoors. How to make a bird feeder or Wild bird café leading into the cooler time of year when foods are scarce could be an activity to do with the family. It would give you a good chance to watch birds more closely. The website has clear instructions and feedback loops for parents and teachers.



I just found out that water is heavier than air. My empty glass water bottle floated in my bucket of water. But when I filled it up, it sank to the bottom.

When I filled it up halfway, only the front sank and the bottom pointed up. I enjoyed this experiment.

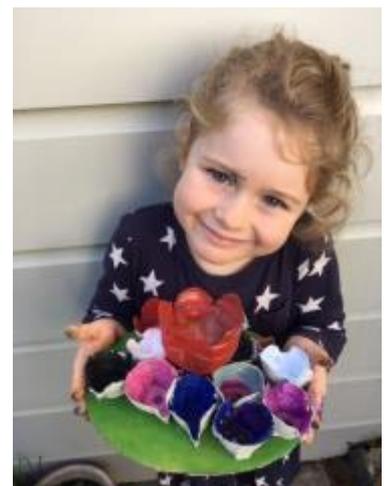
From Bo



Etienne has been exploring ways with his family to keep active and healthy. He had a challenge with his family to see how many exercises they could do in one minute and recorded it for maths!

Ka Whakamanawa/Inspiring

Lola used recycled materials to create poppies for ANZAC Day.



Lena and Natasha have inspired a new community of fairies to take residence in a nearby forest!



“We found ourselves making a house, well not an ordinary house, more of a neighbourhood house. No-one owned it, no-one didn’t. The old house paints were ideal and the plywood was magnificent. My job was the door. I sawed it out and painted it. I even varnished it. It was perfect. Natasha did the balcony and rope ladder. The day after that we nailed it to a tree with a sign that read, “This is number 1, but it needs 2, 3, and 4. If you’re interested, you can make some more!” Three days later there was another, and a week later there were five! We were so proud, every neighbourhood should have one.

By Lena Horrocks



Harry and his family had a formal Friday at home today. Here is Harry reading a book in his best shirt. Emma and Harry also made cupcakes together with their little brother.

Lucky Emma has an apron on to keep her beautiful princess dress clean!





Lachie has been using his creativity while building with his Lego and built his Dad's office out of lego.



His building has 3 levels. After he finished building, he wrote about his creation.



Students in *Kowhai* have been inspiring me each day with their creativity!

Reuben made an incredible marble track, Matiu has made some terrariums, Kiaan has been baking and even making his own playdough and Ruby and Henri had a Mad Hatter party!

Tahi ai tātou/Together



Movin'March would love your feedback! **Parents and student surveys:** Thanks to all our students, parents, caregivers and whānau who came on board for Movin'March this year. We realise we didn't quite get to walk and wheel the whole month through, but we appreciated all the efforts and support everyone gave around active travel. Movin'March would love to hear your views in this 5 min parent feedback survey or student survey. Both surveys close on 29th May. Students can be in to win \$50 Prezzy card and parents a \$100 Prezzy card by taking part.

Families at Home: Our brand new Movin'March page Whānau Activities and Resources is tailored for flexible learning and includes; a "Spot Jack the Kaka" colouring piece to place in the window, a scavenger hunt that can be used in the neighbourhood or on a journey to school, colouring templates, map your journey activity, very cool whānau stories and helpful road safety tips. More info [here](#).



What it's like to have a Birthday During Lockdown

First of all I did not think my birthday was going to be that good because I was in lockdown. But during the lockdown, I had my 10th Birthday and it turned out great! The day started by opening my presents and luckily my Mum and Dad had time to get me a mountain bike and Alex Rider comic book before lockdown started. Afterwards we had breakfast, which was pancakes (which I love). Next I played a video game that I got for my birthday called Ravenfield. I played that and had birthday calls from lots of my family members. For lunch, I had asked for smoked salmon bagels which we had. Then at 3pm I had a zoom call with my friends. Suddenly my parents came in to say there was a surprise for me! My cousins and aunty and uncle and their dog had come to our road to wish me a happy birthday and deliver me a cake they had made for me! It was a rainbow cake with seven layers! Finally we had burgers with American cheese, chips and coke for dinner. To conclude we watched Guardians of the Galaxy. It was the best birthday I have ever had.

By Elias McKendry (now 10)

Macklyn and her brother have been working together to cook dinner.

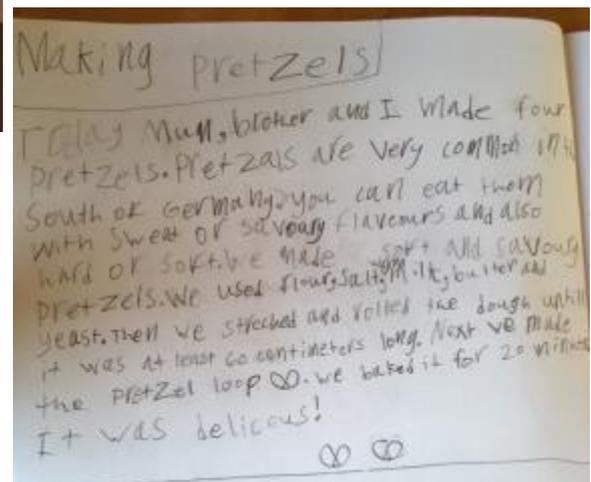
They made pizza from scratch. They loved watching the yeast grow and kneading the dough.



Josie and her family turned the class fort making challenge into a weekend camping trip at home.



Otto and his brother have been making lots of things together at home. Last week they had a skate park out of their cardboard recycling. Here they are making delicious looking pretzels together. Otto then wrote about how he made the pretzels. Don't they look yummy!



Mabel wanted to make sure Easter was special for her family - she dressed up as the Easter Bunny for her brother and they had an Easter Egg hunt together.

No reira, kia kaha ra,
Nga Mihi Nui,
Staff at Houghton Valley School