

18 August 2021

Kia ora te whānau

I hope this email finds you all well, warm and safe at home. We had a staff meeting this morning (via Zoom) and we are all grateful to be at home and to have some time to get ready for Learning from Home.

This week is about settling into the rapid changes that have happened overnight and getting set up for Learning from Home next week.

**Here is our plan for next week:**

**New entrants to Year 2 - Miss Jones, Nicola, Jo and Miriam**

Monday to Friday - teachers in New entrants - Year 2 will be online 11.00-11:30am and 2.30-3.00pm  
(Rooms 5, 6, 7 and 8)

All learning will be shared via Parent App and on the school website under the *Newsletters/Notices section*. This will be shared in a Google slide (powerpoint) on a Monday morning. The powerpoint will have the links to online sessions as well.

Please contact [miriam@houghton.school.nz](mailto:miriam@houghton.school.nz) with any questions.

**Year 3 to Year 6 - Ashleigh, Emma, Stephanie, Fiona, Mel, Charles and Lauren**

Monday to Friday - teachers in Years 3-6 will be online 11.00-12.00pm and 2.30-3.00pm  
(Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4, 9 and 10)

All learning will be shared via students' Google Drive. This will help to limit emails to teachers and to ensure that the children get the 'right' work/tasks. Teachers have students email addresses to access their Google Drive accounts so please email them this week if possible.

Please contact [stephanie@houghton.school.nz](mailto:stephanie@houghton.school.nz) (Year 3-4) or [charles@houghton.school.nz](mailto:charles@houghton.school.nz) (Year 5-6) with any questions.

**Key Messages for all teams:**

Learning online	Monday to Friday 11.00-12pm 11.00-11.30am (junior) and 2.30-3.00pm
Learning will be shared on a Monday by 10.00am	Each team will share learning on a Monday morning for the whole week. We ask that you do what you can.
Learning for the Junior Team	Parent App and website( <i>Newsletters/Notices section</i> )
Learning for the Middle and Senior Teams	Google Drive and website( <i>Newsletters/Notices section</i> )

We know that not all whānau will have multiple devices so learning from home will not all be online and we are not expecting everyone to attend every session. We have made a morning and afternoon session as this may allow sharing of devices in households.

As we are at level 4 no one is allowed on site so we do not have access to any devices at this time or other resources (e.g. books).

This also means that no one can enter the school grounds. We have got special permission for Jill Holmstead to feed our school chickens as this is deemed an essential service. We appreciate that you support us in keeping our grounds people free.

### **Learning Tasks for this week 19 and 20 August**

The PDF that is attached to this email are the optional tasks for your child/ren to do at home this week. We hope you have some fun doing them. Every staff member has made a task for you to do. Enjoy!

### **ezLunch Update**

ezLunch have notified us to say - *we have cancelled all orders for today and tomorrow in bulk - but NO email sent out to parents but money will go back into the parents kindo accounts.*

### **Contacting Staff/School**

We want whānau to know that we are available to you during 9.00-3.00pm. Feel free to email teachers if you have any questions. Alternatively if you have a more urgent matter or question you can phone us on our normal school number - 939 3318 as we can answer these calls from home.

For any other matters please feel free to contact Luana on 939 3318 or [principal@houghton.school.nz](mailto:principal@houghton.school.nz)

Please know that we are here for you if you need us. Stay safe, stay home and stay in touch!

No reira, kia kaha ra,  
Ngā Mihi Nui,

Luana and the whole team at HVS