



Wednesday 15 April 2020

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome to term 2 and the recommencement of online learning.

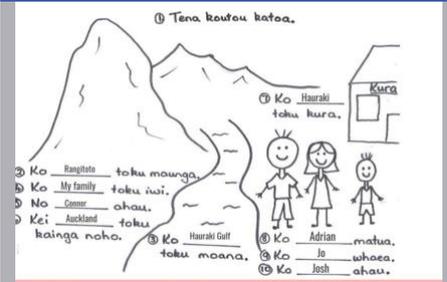
While the impact of the past few weeks has put us all to the test and its effects felt in different ways I hope you have managed to enjoy the bright side of your lockdown bubbles for at least some of the time. Seeing parents and children engage in positive interactions with creative DIY projects, sharing house hold chores, and enjoying a book, movie, bike ride or walk together for example, have been heart warming.

At this time we're being reminded of just how connected we normally all are, and how much we need each other to keep going. I miss you all and look forward to school life returning to normal. We are not exactly sure when this is to be, and how it will look, but we expect confirmed direction from the Ministry of Education by early next week.

Strong connections are critical in times of crisis as indicated by systems that usually govern our lives but can quickly change. Hauraki teachers have again demonstrated a strong sense of community with ensuring children's planned work is uploaded from today. Please encourage your children to engage with this daily by 9am if possible. Teachers will be providing regular feedback between 9am and 3pm each school day and student presence is also serving as a measure for teachers marking attendance rolls each day. Students who do not respond to online learning will be deemed as unjustified absences but will be followed up on by staff to ensure there aren't any access issues. If your child is sick on any day please let the teacher know so that the absence can be coded as justified.

Once the daily work set is complete each day children may like to engage with other activities suggested in my update at the end of last term or another option is Home Learning | Papa Kāinga TV that is free to air, on TVNZ channel 2+1 and on TVNZ on Demand, as well as on Sky Channel 502. It runs from 9am to 3pm on school days with programming for children and young people, as well as for parents. Content will be grouped for early learners and students by age range, and will include play, literacy, mathematics, science, te reo Māori, physical education and wellbeing. We are told that all of the programmes will feature highly experienced teachers and presenters, along with wellbeing and movement experts. The TV programme is

## On Line Learning Examples



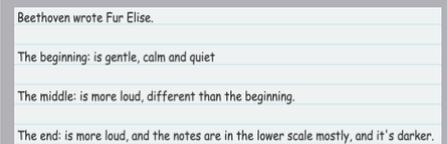
**Josh Dick's (room 13) completed mihi**



**Keanu Anesi's (room 9) stunning similes**



**Charlie Talbot (Room 13) and his thoughtfully constructed rubbish monster**



**Samuel Nikolai-Denton's (Rm12) response to a piece of Beethoven music**

optional only and does not replace learning set by Hauraki classroom teachers.

Please note that 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, the Ministry of Education 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.

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/>

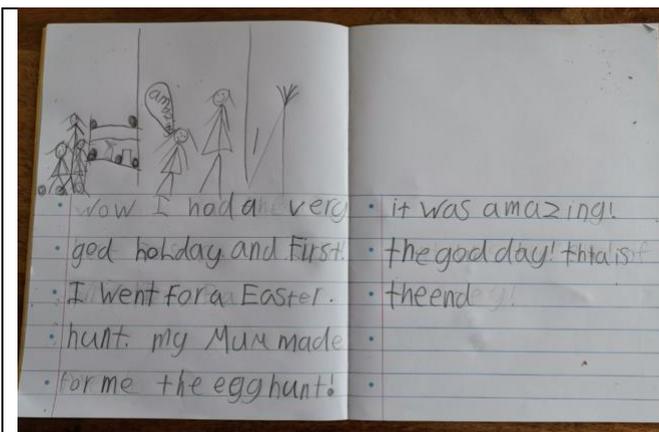
Even if you follow instructions to set up your child's device for safer connectivity while learning from home remember, no technical solution is a silver bullet. Please keep an eye on what your children are doing online.

Our term 2 value of assertiveness is a reminder for us all to continue with following government advice and supporting those who are working hard behind the scenes by showing compassion for others and exercising responsibility at this challenging time.

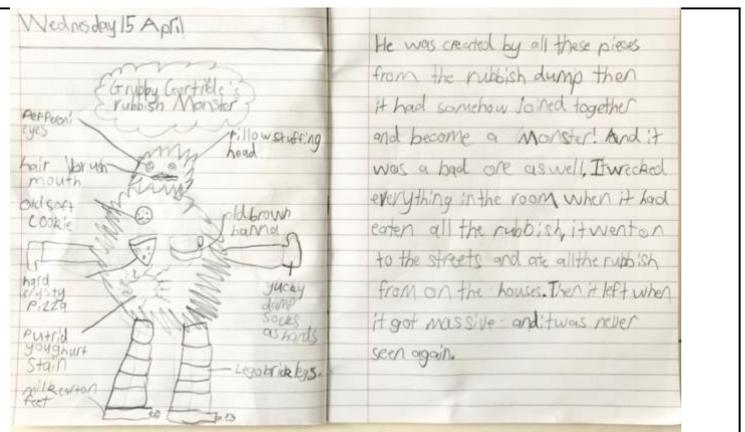
I will touch base again next week. Meantime kia kaha.

Sincerely,  
Clarinda Franklin  
Principal

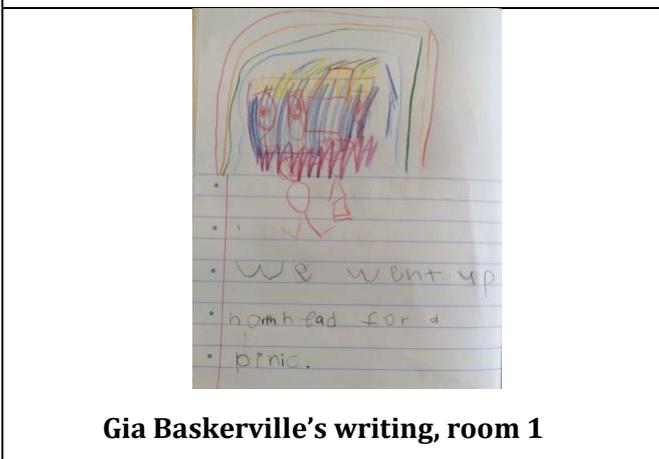
**A few more examples of today's learning:**



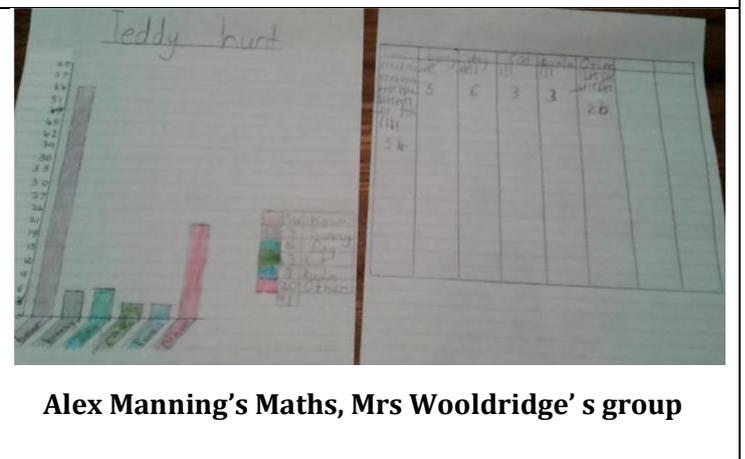
**Kira Sawyer's writing, Room 5**



**Eli Atkins' reading, Room 12**



**Gia Baskerville's writing, room 1**



**Alex Manning's Maths, Mrs Wooldridge's group**