

# Te Pihinga Hub Newsletter #9

Term 2 ~ Week 6 ~ 2020

From Monday the 18th of May most of our tamariki will return to school. Pat yourselves on the back and congratulate your bubbles for working together to get NZ to this stage. None of us could have got here without some sacrifice. Well done!

## Haere mai koutou

From Monday the 18th of May most children will attend school. However, it is not quite business as usual. By now you will have either read the communication from our principal Liz Horn or listened to her Youtube clip giving you the health and safety brief for returning to school. In this newsletter we will put some reminders in to help you negotiate the next couple of weeks at school and at home.

## If your children are coming to school:

### Things you can already get prepared:

- Have your own pencil case ready to take to school with pencils and colouring things. We cannot share classroom equipment. If you don't have these things we will make you a pack at school on Monday
- Bring your own drink bottle NAMED
- Wear correct school uniform, it's colder so you can wear a black thermal underneath the shirt and black tights.
- Watch some hand washing videos
- Start thinking about games you can play that don't involve touching one another or getting too close to each other
- Bring a jacket for wet weather
- Bring your NAMED slippers to wear inside if you would like.
- Bring back your school journals/readers/library books and learning at home maths book and school devices if you have them.
- Come to school ready to be extra kind to each other

### Things you need to know:

- Sanitiser and tissues are provided at school.
- You will be sitting in a small group at tables with your own chair.
- When you're on the mat you will be further away from each other than usual.
- You will not go to other parts of the school, you will enter and exit through your own Kōhanga door only.
- You will be able to play in the playground (but not TK's area)
- There will be more hand washing/sanitising
- You will be picked up by your family at the end of the day from the basketball court area
- We will be kind to you and help you to settle back:)



GIVE THANKS  
IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES;  
FOR THIS IS GOD'S WILL  
FOR YOU IN CHRIST JESUS.

1 Thessalonians 5:18

**For those staying at home:** We will do our best to connect with you and put some learning on See-saw for those who wish to use it. Stick with the routine set in previous weeks and continue to work through the packs sent home. If you require other resources please let us know ASAP.

**Maths Whizz:** A lot of fantastic progress has been happening and most children are also doing plenty of the topic challenges! If you are having any issues with the program, please contact Dennis Marshall [d.marshall@rcs.school.nz](mailto:d.marshall@rcs.school.nz).

**Wellbeing:** The mana ake site below has some excellent information about returning to school. If you feel that life is getting on top of you and/or your family Mrs Siave can put you in touch with our Mana ake team who can give you a call to talk about this. Let your child's teacher know if this could be useful to you and your family. They also have an excellent website for **ALL** parents. Here is the link: <https://manaake.health.nz/>

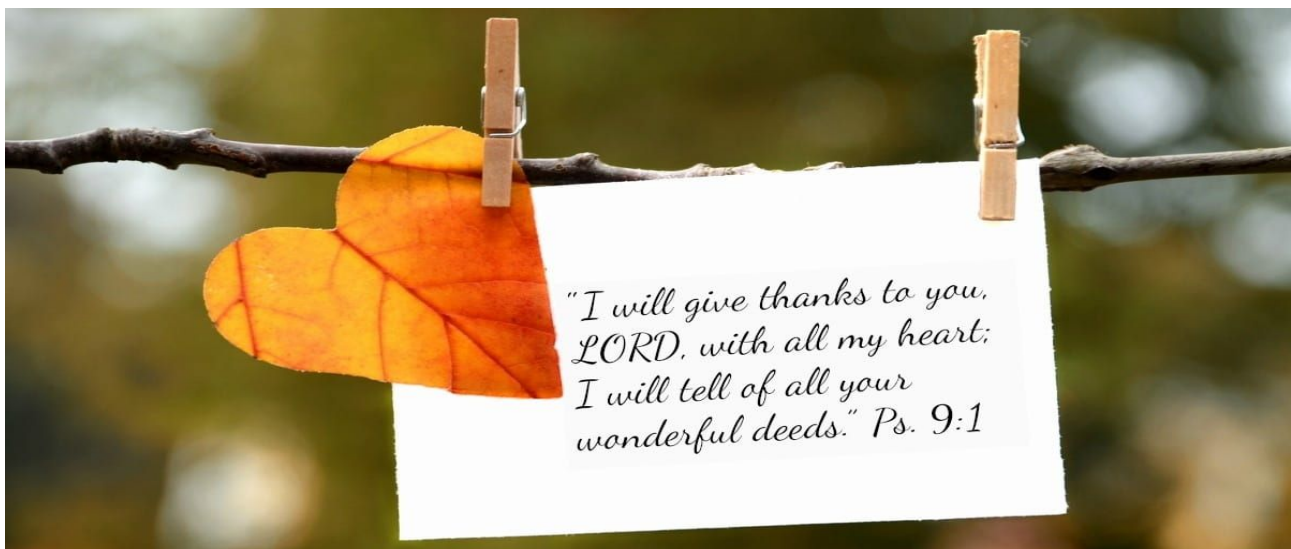
Something else to keep you smiling: [moist breath zone song](#)

Some good advice to help your child transition back to school [Click here:](#)

We can't emphasise enough the importance of washing our hands:  
[Washing hands correctly](#)

**Kia Kaha, Be Strong**  
**Kia Maia, Be Steadfast**  
**Kia Manawanui, Be Willing**

Arohanui,  
Mrs Siave, Mr Redepenning and Mr Marshall



Have some fun with your whanau! Try this game called 'game face' with your family to lighten up the atmosphere and have a laugh together!

<https://sparklers.org.nz/parenting/sparklers-home-game-face/>

# Schedule for T.P. for week 6/7 at School

Here is an overview of our planned timetable you can share this with your child if you wish.

8:30-9:00	Teachers meet and greet children at their kōhanga door. Hands sanitised, unpack bags and either outside to play or sit at your own desk with your own 'busy pack' provided by school. Wash or sanitise hands on return to the classroom from outside.
9:00	Hui Time : Children sit on their own stars on the mat in their own Kōhanga for our usual hui time.
9:20	Brain break/activity in their own kōhanga
9:30	Writing in their own Kōhanga at designated desks with books and pencil cases.
10:10	Circuit Fitness (Activity cards) Wash hands before going out, sanitise when returning.
10:25	Read and Feed, the teacher will read while each child takes their snack to the mat and sits on their own spot to eat and listen.
10:35	Maths: For the next two weeks the children will be studying 'time' with their own kōhanga teachers.
11:00	Interval: Wash hands (release in small groups to toilets and designated handwashing stations) Sanitise hands on return.
11:30	Snack n Feed: On your spot with your snack and drink bottle. Teacher will read to you while you eat.
11:45	Reading (At their desk - everything in their book box) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. - Silent Reading</li> <li>2. - Spelling task</li> <li>3. - Book for the week</li> <li>4. - Teacher-directed task</li> <li>5. - Handwriting the memory verse</li> <li>6. Buddy reading (go to defined area and wait)</li> <li>7. Can do sheets</li> </ol>
12:40	LIGHTS - in our own kōhanga space
12:55	Get ready for lunch, hand washing, prayer and sit with own lunch boxes on the mat.
1:15	Wash hands, then out to play
1:55	Sanitise hands before returning to class
2:00	Living Christianly
2:20	Afternoon program (PE, Arts, Forest time)
2:40	Tidy up, sanitise surfaces, wash hands
2:50	Greet parents at the basketball court