

# Te Pihinga Hub Newsletter #10

Term 2 ~ Week 7 ~ 2020

We have all TP tamariki back to school now and it has been lovely to welcome them back in the 'new' normal. They have all coped admirably with the changes and restrictions under level 2. I have noticed a couple of stifled yawns in the last day or two, so perhaps Queen's birthday weekend will be a welcome break to get some extra rest.

**Afio mai, Welcome**, to Tylah Walmsley-Vivian and her whanau. Tylah is in Horoeoka.

**Staffing changes:** Mrs Anna Thirkell is now going to release Mr Redepenning on a Wednesday and Mr Marshall will still be the release teacher on a Thursday for Mrs Siave.

**Reports:** A progress report will be coming out in week 10 (this is a 12 week term).

**Level 2 rules at school:**

- **Keep out of each other's moist breath zone**
- **Frequent washing/sanitising of hands**
- **Stay home if you are unwell**
- **Be kind**

**Home time:**

We will continue to stagger finishing times and the Te Pihinga children are out on the basketball court by 2:50pm. They wait there until we see you arrive at the gate. If you come in the gate you must sign in. We are happy to send the children to the gate as soon as you arrive.

**What's happening in class:**

TP have got straight back to learning with minimal change. The biggest difference was that the children mostly stayed with their own kōhanga teacher for writing, maths and LIGHTS which we usually mix up between two teachers. The exception was reading where the children were taught by their reading teacher in small groups.

**Next week:** We will go back to the children exchanging teachers for reading, writing and maths as per last term. There have been a few changes in reading groups and Miss Horn is joining us to take some children for reading, writing and maths so that we have smaller groups and more opportunity to keep the focus on these essential areas of the curriculum. Thank you Miss Horn for your help!

**LIGHTS:** As LIGHTS was interrupted last term, since being back at school, the focus has been more on our current situation and completing mini projects. This has been good for TP students to get familiar with the LIGHTS cycle by moving through the levels more quickly. We have introduced De Bono's six thinking hats to the children as a thinking strategy to use when investigating the alternatives of the problems we could see in our current situation (Level 2 lockdown at school).

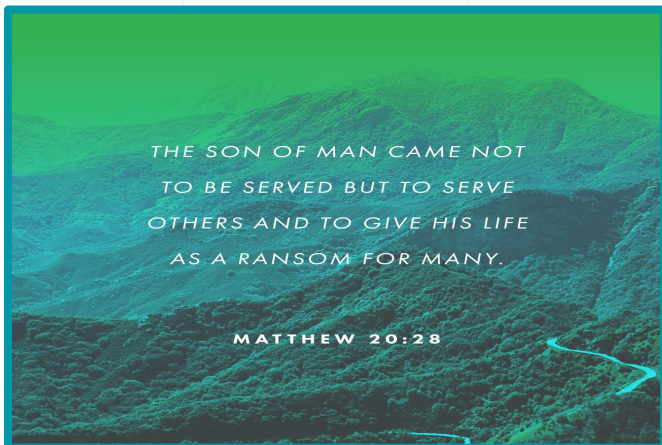
For example the children discussed what the problems were in level 2; e.g. not being able to play games that involve touching or getting too close to one another. They are now investigating alternative games and will come up with a mini project based on teaching a new game they have made up to other students to play.

# Reminders

- Winter, please feel free to have slippers for children to wear at school and gumboots for wet days and Friday whanau group.
- Please have a **named** water bottle for school as the drinking fountain is not being used during level 2.
- **NO** jewellery is to be worn at school please. Tāonga of cultural significance can be worn under the uniform if this applies. Watches are able to be worn too.
- **Please** insist on the correct uniform being worn to school. This includes **black shoes, black socks, long hair tied back, black tights or base wear for under the shirt.** Also, *only* school hats which are compulsory in the first and fourth term of the year.

# Up-and-Coming Events

<p><b>Week 8</b></p>	<p><b>Monday 1 June</b>  <b>Tuesday 2 June</b>  <b>Wednesday 3 June</b></p> <p><b>Thursday 4 June</b>  <b>Friday 5 June</b></p>	<p>Queen's birthday observance (no school)            Dental van at school all week            Assembly for TP at 2:20pm (sorry no parents at level 2)            Mrs Thirkell teaches for Mr Redepenning in Matipo            Wheels day</p> <p>Mr Marshall teaches for Mrs Siave</p>
<p><b>Week 9</b></p>	<p><b>Monday 8th June</b></p> <p><b>Wednesday 10th June</b></p> <p><b>Thursday</b></p>	<p>Spell-a-thon week, run by the PCG</p> <p>Assembly for TP at 2:20pm (sorry no parents at level 2)            Mrs Thirkell teaches for Mr Redepenning in Matipo            Wheels day            Mr Marshall teaches for Mrs Siave</p>
<p><b>Weekly</b></p>	<p><b>Monday/Tuesday</b></p> <p><b>Wednesday</b></p>	<p><b>Meetings:</b> Please be aware all teachers have meetings on these days, so please pick your children up promptly so we can get ready for these. Wheels day means children are able to bring their skateboards, scooters, bikes etc. to play on at break time.</p>
	<p>Wednesday (except for week 1 when it is Monday)            Wednesday</p>	<p><b>TP Assembly</b> at 2:20pm in the shared space. We sadly cannot invite you at this stage. There is no Whole School assembly on at the moment. We will let you know when these resume.</p>



## Blessings,

**Mrs Lynda Siave - Horoeka**

**Mr Ira Redepenning - Matipo**

**Mrs Anna Thirkell- Wednesday Matipo**

**Mr Dennis Marshall: Thursday in Horoeka**

**Mrs Beth Marlin: Teacher assistant**