



## **COVID-19 Update #2 – 23 August 2021**

### **Alert Level 4**

Kia ora whānau

A big thank you for taking the lockdown seriously and doing what we have been asked – we've seen before that staying at home will break the chain of transmission and save lives. It is even more important that we all follow the health advice because the Delta variant is very contagious.

Breaking the rules risks the health of those close to you, the wider community and could result in the lock down period being extended. Please remember that the school, playground and school grounds remain closed at Alert Level 4.

We have a bunch of staff out delivering home learning packs to all of our tamariki this morning, with the Bell Block, Brixton and Waitara run coming out this afternoon.

The theme for learning this week across the school is Native Birds. What a week for this theme! The weather is beautiful and hopefully you might be able to see a tui, kereru or other native birds in your garden at home. Every now and again a kingfisher comes to sit on the court fence outside my office. I'll miss seeing him while I'm working from home.

This week's hard copy home learning packs are not intended to fill up the week, they are put together more to give guidance as to some activities that your child/ren could be doing this week. We encourage playing games, building, creating, baking and keeping generally busy with both active and calm activities to fill up your days in a meaningful way. You may also start to link in with teachers through See-Saw or other online tools. Take the learning and grow it anyway that works for you.

We are also really mindful that for many families, the adults may be working from home also. The most important thing that we want to reinforce for our families is to do what works for you. Be kind to yourselves, remembering that this is not normal learning or normal school. We are all trying to do the best that we can for our situations and your best will always be good enough.

Our teachers will continue to be working to design learning programmes that will meet the needs of our students through this week, in case we need to continue in lockdown for longer. We won't know for sure until the announcement this afternoon and I will be in touch again once we know what the plan is moving forward.

As always, please let us know if there is anything you need to support you and your tamariki during this time.

Ngā mihi

Michelle Cronin  
Principal



# 40 KA PAI THINGS TO DO OUTSIDE!



Getting outside helps us feel ka rawe! Rain or shine, there's heaps of fun you can have right outside your backdoor.

<input type="checkbox"/> Build a hut 	<input type="checkbox"/> Play hide and seek	<input type="checkbox"/> Play tag 	<input type="checkbox"/> Kick a ball around 	<input type="checkbox"/> Wash the car 
<input type="checkbox"/> Find cloud shapes	<input type="checkbox"/> Lie on the grass 	<input type="checkbox"/> Weave harakeke 	<input type="checkbox"/> Dig a hole 	<input type="checkbox"/> Play catch 
<input type="checkbox"/> Jump in puddles	<input type="checkbox"/> Look at ngā whetū 	<input type="checkbox"/> Kōrero with the plants 	<input type="checkbox"/> Catch rain on your tongue 	<input type="checkbox"/> Dig for worms 
<input type="checkbox"/> Skip, run, jump, dance, repeat!	<input type="checkbox"/> Read a pukapuka under a tree 	<input type="checkbox"/> Explore with a magnifying glass (or old specs)	<input type="checkbox"/> Fly paper planes 	
<input type="checkbox"/> Make a daisy chain 	<input type="checkbox"/> Make a treasure hunt 	<input type="checkbox"/> Have a teddy bear picnic 	<input type="checkbox"/> Cartwheel and handstand	<input type="checkbox"/> Wash the windows
<input type="checkbox"/> Pick some flowers 	<input type="checkbox"/> Play hide and seek	<input type="checkbox"/> Gather seeds and plant them!		
<input type="checkbox"/> Make a nature mandala 	<input type="checkbox"/> Make a leaf collection 	<input type="checkbox"/> Make a mini moat in the garden/gravel 		
<input type="checkbox"/> Make and float a leaf waka	<input type="checkbox"/> Make a leaf and rākau creature	<input type="checkbox"/> Make a bark rubbing		
<input type="checkbox"/> Head out with torch at night! 	<input type="checkbox"/> Play 'real' pick-up sticks	<input type="checkbox"/> Waiata with the birds 	<input type="checkbox"/> Paint a kōhatu friend	<input type="checkbox"/> Look for spider webs 
	<input type="checkbox"/> Camouflage yourself in the garden			