

Newsletter

24 April 2020



From small seeds grow forest giants

Upcoming Events

2020

Term 2

24 Apr	school newsletter out
25 Apr	ANZAC Day
27 Apr	ANZAC Day holiday
28 Apr	Alert level 3 starts
28 Apr	TOD at school
29 Apr	Online/distance learning continue
08 May	school newsletter out
11 May	Alert level 3 announcement made
13 May	TOD - reading course at school
14 May	TOD - reading course at school
01 Jun	Queen's Birthday holiday
02 Jul	Term 2 ends



ANZAC DAY

LEST WE FORGET

Our Stars



The following children worked hard on and finished their online/distance learning work during alert levels 3 and 4.

Maths Stars:

Week 9 – Jacquelyn, Clark, Sarah, Alex

Week 1 – Jacquelyn, Clark, Liam, Sarah, Alex

Reading Stars:

Week 9 – Jacquelyn, Clark, Liam, Sarah, Alex

Week 1 – Clark, Sarah, Alex

Writing Stars:

Week 9 – Clark, Sarah, Alex

Week 1 – Clark, Sarah, Alex

Learning Stars:

These are the children who have worked hard on their own learning during the week.

Week 9 – Clark, Sarah, Alex

Week 1 – Clark, Sarah, Alex

Fantastic effort and work by you all, great attitude to your learning. You really are stars.

Other News:

2020 Term dates:

- Term 1 27 January until 25 March (Easter in the holidays)
- Term 2 15 April until 3 July
- Term 3 20 July until 25 September
- Term 4 12 October until 16 December

Prime Lamb Competition:

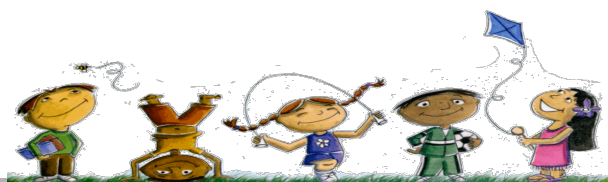
- This school fundraising event will be held later in the school year in some way or form, due to our current situation.

School opening for term 2:

- School will not be physically open for children to attend during alert level 3 as parents and children are able to learn from home and all children will be continuing with their learning online and at distance. Staff will be at school as required to provide the learning programmes that the children need, give support and help as asked for. All families have school ipads, chromebooks and other materials provided by the school to continue with their learning.

Community News:

- If there is any information or items that you wish to put in the newsletter please email this to principal@tahakopa.school.nz

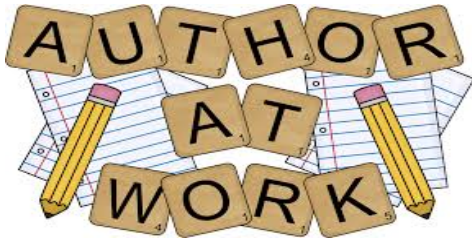


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**"Play
is the
highest
form of
research."**

Albert Einstein



Children's Writing



This is writing the children have done during alert level
3 and 4 (one days writing only)

Cats

Cats are fluffy
Cats are cute
Cats are cuddly
Cats are lazy and the cats like sleepy
Cats like going outside and fetching mice
Cats do you like dogs?

Jacquelyn

Firewood

We were cutting up gum behind the woodshed for us but the gum was still wet so we stacked it by the side of the woodshed. I used Alex's stihl chainsaw, the O26. It has a 18 inch bar, it also has a glove on the handle. I cut up the branches of the big logs while Alex was cutting up some of the native that had fallen over.

Then Alex and I split it by hand while dad was out on the digger on the farm putting in the new culvert pipes and spreading rock on the culvert pipes. We sometimes some waratah's and so the firewood didn't fall over. Alex cut some

rings off the big log so we could use it is splashing box. After we ran out of room Alex had to split some blocks and I've done one. Yesterday we finally finished all of the gum.

Clark

Mum's printer

Mum was using her printer and the ink basically blowup so...It would not work. Mum said we could smash it. We put on boots, protective glasses, long sleeved shirts, and pants. We put paper on the floor and grabbed a hammer and impaled it. It was fun but it was not fun cleaning up but we did. Mum is also chucking out a keyboard

Liam

Making Breakfast

This morning I made Jack breakfast. I made him scrambled eggs on toast. The reason why I made him breaky is because he was stubborn and did not get out of bed and waddle his way to the living room. So he rang Mum on his phone.

I answered it and yelled, "GET OUT OF BED YOU SCALLYWAG."

He said, "five more minutes."

Then I said in a stern voice "NO."

Jack then begged, please! Then I had an idea and I wanted to do some cooking. So I picked up the courage and said I will make you breakfast.

He was happy enough to say yes. Then he wobbled his way to the living room. Jack asked me to make scrambled eggs. This was new to me because I had never scrambled eggs before. But I gave it a go. And surprisingly he liked it.

Tomorrow I am going to cook him fried eggs. I just need to make sure I get out of bed before him. That my friend will not be an issue because I always wake up and get out of bed before Jack. I even get dressed, make my bed and do my hair before he even wakes up.

To day we cut some of the firewood

Sarah

Firewood, yah!!

A few days ago we cut down a beech tree because it was dead and was going to fall onto the fence. We pushed it with the digger so it didn't fall on the fence. When it hit the ground it broke into a few thousand pieces. We put all the small pieces that had broken off the top of it into the trailer for Angela. Then we cut all the bigger limbs off and put them in the trailer for Joe.

Dad was in the digger putting them on the trailer and I was cutting them off for the chainsaw, of course but I was using dad's chainsaw cos mine wouldn't go so. I had one log left to cut which was the main trunk but then the little saw ran out of fuel so I had to use the 395. I thought it was going to pull me through the log but surprisingly didn't. So then we just cut up the gum behind it that fell over.

Now the gum fell over and squashed one fence so we cut up and pulled the top of it out the gate but the bottom we couldn't get because there is a ditch in the middle, so Dad was put a chain around it to get it close to the fence and left it over the fence. Now I could see the what was going to happen and of course, the last log when he picked it up it fell out of the grab onto the fence then there was a lot of f*** f*** f***ing pieces of s***.

Then Dad had to do something boring ,so I'm just going to skip past the boring rubbish to some good crap. So now we were at the other site where there were about three dead pine trees, now dad went around and broke the branches off the back of one because they were probably going to pull the tree backwards. Dad got out with a chainsaw and cut a scarf into two of them. The first one was pushed over ,it broke off but the second one stayed whole, the plate came out of the ground and for the last one he cut a scarf and when it hit the ground it broke into 3000 pieces so we walked the digger back around. And cut them into about 5 metre pieces and threw them on the bomb fire.

Next we went along there were two more gum trees had to be cut down so we got the digger in behind the first one, dad was sitting in the digger pushing it over. I was cutting it down with the 395. I actually forget to mention that we dropped my two stihls down at Joe's and we picked them up 3 days ago. Back to the story so I cut a wee bit out of the back of the tree and it went for a bit but then I had to cut a wee bit more out and still it went for a bit so then I just kept cutting to it fell over. Something had to go wrong so it got stuck in the other tree so dad sat there and with the digger shaking it until finally fell so he came back around in the digger and cut it up and put it on the trailer and took it down to Joe.

Alex

**“Children learn
as they play. Most
importantly,
in play children
learn how to
learn.”**

O. Fred Donaldson