

Kia ora koutou
Dear Parents and Whānau

We are very aware how challenging this time is for parents trying to manage your own work and / or family demands at home. We are in for a long walk now, rather than the couple of weeks and back to school sprint we may have originally thought. It's a long walk, rather than a marathon because we didn't train for it and we are not sure where the finish line is going to be.

Nevertheless, it is impressive how most students are coming on board and doing their best with a not normal situation. If you have any concerns with your child, either with the work or their wellbeing, please get in contact. This is particularly so for students who are feeling overwhelmed or who are finding there is simply too much work. We can't fix the COVID-19 situation, but we can help with strategies to make it more manageable. If students learn nothing else other than how to manage the time and stress levels and develop some resilience, then this in itself is life changing.

Next week, teachers will give students work for four lessons with a catch up day on Friday. No new work will be given this day.

Junior Reports: Students are recognised for their out of class / school activities on their term one reports which will be available 15 May for parents to view online. So that we have accurate information for out of class activities, we need students to go to their year level forum and complete a Google Form:

- **Year 9:** PATHFINDER'S and the joining code is **26g3wbq**
- **Year 10:** Class 2023 and the joining code is **gjfkys**

Parents, can you remind students to do this. Thanks.

Over the past few weeks, we have given out or couriered 189 Chromebooks. A reminder for students to take good care of these.

We had just 9 students on site this week with no hassles. Thanks to staff willing to look after these

students and also parents / whānau who were able to keep their families at home.

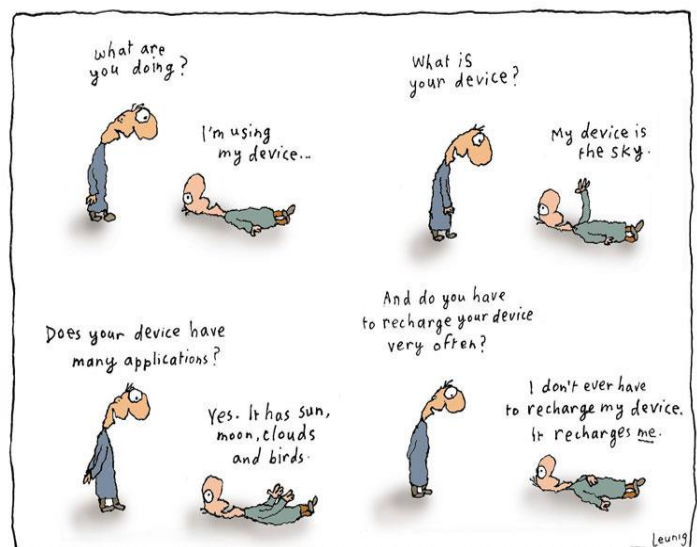
A reminder that if your child is unable to stay home, please email studentservices@haurakiplains.school.nz to register. This must be done so the bus company and school can make the necessary arrangements to ensure Level 3 requirements for social distancing are met.

We are wanting to put a Community Newsletter together with a focus on life in lockdown. If any parents or students are happy to contribute some thoughts, a piece of writing or art work, that would be really appreciated.

Note that on the website we have set up a COVID-19 folder for information which we are updating regularly.

New office hours during Level 3 are 9am to 3pm. Apologies if we don't pick up your calls immediately as we have only one administrator available to work on site.

Ngaire Harris
PRINCIPAL



Michael Leunig