



Kia ora GEPS whānau

We hope you are all staying safe in your bubbles and can continue to do so at Level 3 so that we can move quickly to Level 2, enjoy the holidays and be back at school in Term 4 for a great end to the year.

Kia ora to all of those whānau and tamariki who tried new kupu and learnt things during Māori language week. Keep the mahi going! Our whānau, under instruction of the 7 year old, had to only use Māori phrases and kupu when having our kai each night. She stuck a chart on the wall to help us out. We are keeping it up for a while so we can keep practising and she can keep correcting us!

Awesome to see Whaea Lana and Mrs Yates starring on the media stage this week. Whaea Lana and her daughter were stars in Les Mills Māori workouts while Mrs Yates was in the Herald and on The Project for her cool lockdown idea. See more of both of these amazing kaiako on our Facebook page.

It's been awesome to see so many of you online via zoom and google meets. Some of you have also been doing some great work too. Keep up the effort.

Tomorrow there will be a very small number of students back at school learning in Level 3. School is effectively still closed except for those whānau who have to work and have absolutely no other child care options. Strict health and safety protocols will be in place. Please refer to past letters which detail this. Students must be registered beforehand as there are limits on numbers in a school bubble and areas must be prepared in advance. Please email [donnas@geps.school.nz](mailto:donnas@geps.school.nz) if you have any questions around this.

Later today you will be sent a link to fill in for our Health curriculum survey which we undertake every two years. Please fill this in. Please email [kathryn@geps.school.nz](mailto:kathryn@geps.school.nz) if you have any questions about this survey.

Attached to this newsletter are letters which detail ways to get help should you need it. These have been translated into many languages. We hope they are of some assistance to you.

Keep safe whānau - let's all hope for a great Term 4 at GEPS!

Nāku noa nā

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