

Community update 09/11

Kia ora e te whānau o Oaklynn,

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou ki to koutou whānau hoki.

HAPPY DIWALI



DIWALI - symbolises the spiritual "victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance". Which is a very fitting thought for these current times. Known as the festival of lights, Diwali is celebrated all over the world across various religions and cultures, especially in South Asia. Many members of our community celebrated Diwali last week - we hope you were able to celebrate also, despite the restrictions we are experiencing.

Partial reopening of school

Oaklynn will reopen later in November for Respite and Reconnection

All schools are being asked to consider what a 'partial reopen' might look like. Last week we outlined the steps that we need to take before we can make a plan.

We will NOT be reopening for the week beginning Monday 15th November - as our planning will not be complete.

1. **We have surveyed our staff to check their availability** and have found that approximately half of our staff (kaiako -teachers and kaiawhina - support staff) have school aged children which will impact on their ability to return to work.
2. **We can share some initial plans for our partial reopening:**
 - a. We cannot offer a full time programme for every child / young person.
 - b. We will be offering 2 days a week for respite and reconnection reasons

3. There are some points for you to consider when considering returning your child or young person to school:

- a. The programme for your child / young person may or may not be in their usual school setting.
- b. The programme will be staffed by people that may not be the usual staff for your child / young person.
- c. We cannot confirm that taxis will be available so you may need to bring your child / young person to the designated location.
- d. We cannot guarantee that our children / young people will keep to the hygiene measures and social distancing.
- e. Masks will not be compulsory for our learners.
- f. We are not aware of the vaccination status of learners.
- g. If there is a case of COVID in the community - the programme will be closed for at least 72 hours and restart again later.

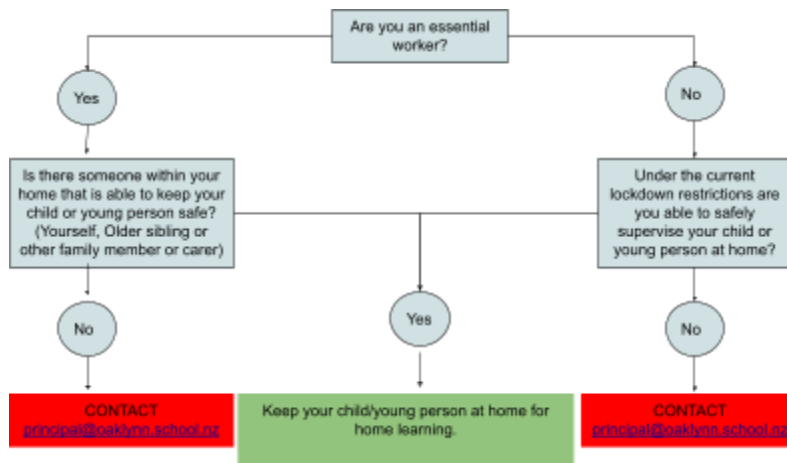
4. We now need to know your preference.

- a. Some of you may like to have your child or young person return to a programme for 2 days a week for a break and some social engagement and reconnection with others.
- b. We are aware that some of you may prefer to keep your child or young person at home until next year. You might decide that this is the safest option for your whānau.
- c. Please reply to feedback@oaklynn.school.nz with the following information;
 - i. Name of child / young person;
 - ii. **I would like my child / young person to return to a programme for 2 days a week - Yes / No**

Level 3 onsite programme

The Ministry of Education has stated that schools may have a small number of students attend an on-site programme if they don't have an appropriate carer at home. Oaklynn has accepted a small number of students to return to school this week because either;

- Both parents / carers are essential workers and there is no appropriate care at home OR
- They are no longer able to keep their child or young person safe at home.

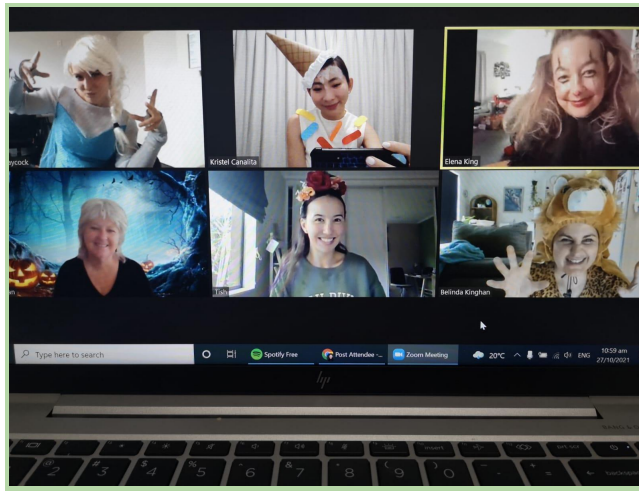


If you are unable to safely supervise your child or young person at home please contact me directly on principal@oaklynn.school.nz

LEARNING FROM HOME

There are many people at Oaklynn who contribute to the **LEARNING & WELLBEING** of our ākonga at Oaklynn and those ākonga in the wider community of schools. This week each section / area of the school would like to share some of their mahi (work)

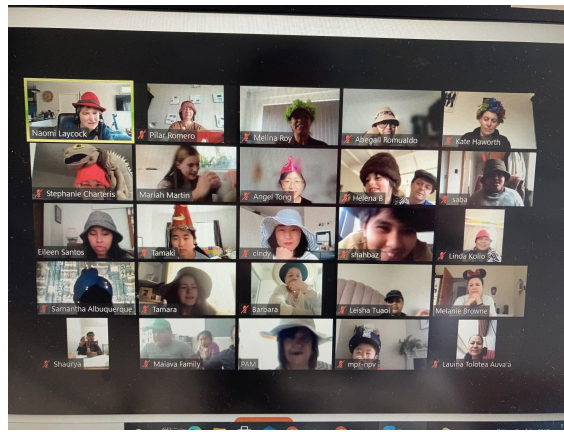
New Entrants



The New Entrants have had the privilege of getting to see each other every day in zoom school, where we share a hello song that we all vote on, a story, some fun movement to get us all jumping around and then a cool activity before we sing goodbye!

Our activities incorporate the different needs of our akonga with teachers and therapists, taking turns to target the different needs in the group. Each week on a Wednesday we have a theme that we dress up for, we had fun with Halloween and Diwali the last few weeks and learnt about rangoli with our lovely therapist Leanne.

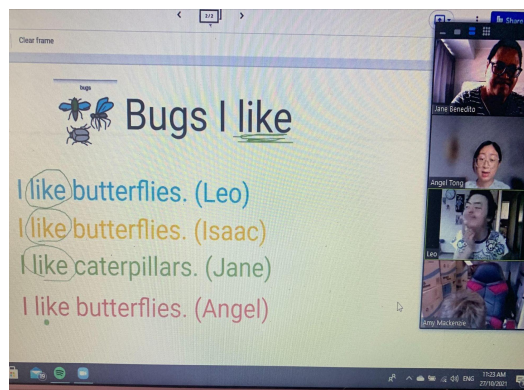
Upper Juniors



Every Friday the “Upper Junior Section people” get together to celebrate the end of the week with different themes: Hats, Halloween, Diwali.

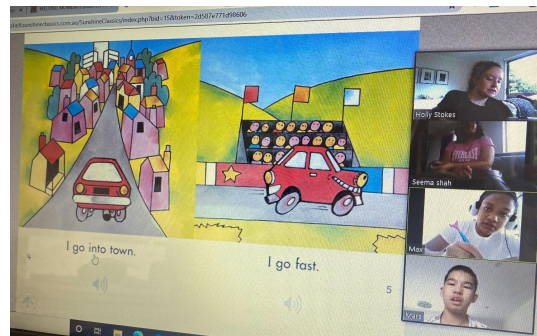
Our teachers plan together to design a fun day of connecting to the wider group offering different activities including Attention Autism, Mat Man program, reading using the Core Board, Maths and Movement . It's such a special day for the whole ākonga but also for us teachers, teacher Aides and therapists!

Intermediate



Our students and parents have been enjoying the smaller group and 1:1 or 2:1 zoom sessions.

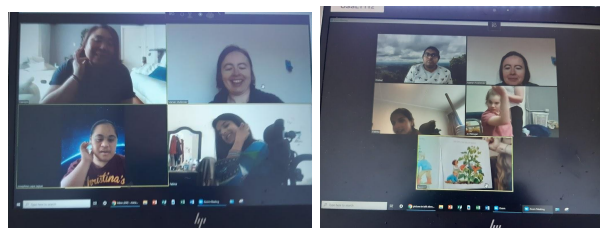
This more targeted approach has given teachers opportunities to focus on more individual student learning .



Teacher aides and some therapists are also participating in these sessions and everyone seems to be more engaged, responding well and are having more fun.



High School



In the High School Section work has continued online with regular Zoom sessions with everyone chipping in. It has been great to see Whānau, support staff and therapists all involved with the learning and interactions that are taking place. It has been an especially busy period with two of our teachers, Marta and Naomi, setting up and running the bubble school.

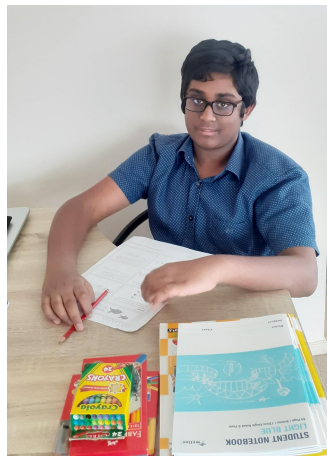
The top photo shows Tahī students dressed up as their favourite painting. The images below are Rua students enjoying a story.

ALE



Hands up who likes ALE Assemblies!
This term Base has been following the theme “Celebrations”. At the moment, in our Lockdown situation, you may ask - *what is there to celebrate?* Amongst still recognising events such as Diwali, Guy Fawkes, Christmas - it’s worth appreciating that we can still support each other even from our lounges, bedrooms and kitchens. In Drama we can celebrate what it is to be wonderfully different and unique; and we can all look forward to celebrating each other in person - real soon; and prepare to celebrate our 2021 school leavers (from TEC). There’s still a lot to be grateful for and to look forward to! *Keeping it real - ALE!*

STOS



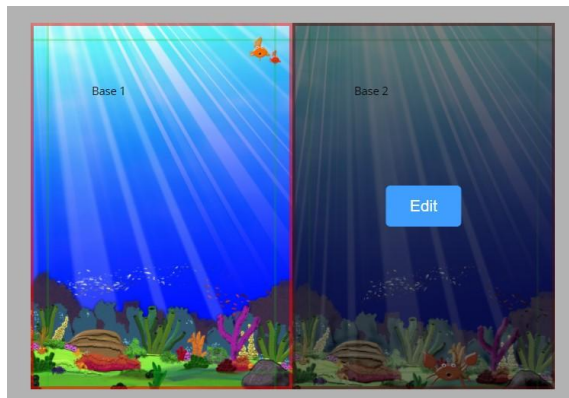
Here's Benjamin working hard on his school work at home. Benjamin is currently at St Mary's School and works with Anna from our STOS team. We've loved having Benjamin in our service and we're excited to welcome him to the wider Oaklynn whānau next year. He will be joining the Te Aratika team at Green Bay High School.

Therapy



The therapy team continues to work alongside teachers to support home learning. Last week, I had fun hosting one of the new entrant zooms. Kylie, our **OT**, also ran the zoom session for the students in Room 1 at Base. Our **Physiotherapists** also ran a fitting clinic for student's orthotics and an orthotic clinic.

Admin



The Admin team is always at the ready, on the other end of the phone, email, whats app to support all.

Yearbook 2021
Niva is working in the background on the yearbook - watch this space

Support for whānau

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HOME INFORMATION, EVENTS & SUPPORT WHO WE ARE CONTACT US DONATE

ZOOM PARENTS SUPPORT GROUP – MONDAYS – 7-8PM AND
TUESDAY/FRIDAYS 10.30-11.30AM

[Link to Disability Connex site - here](#)

MANAAKITANGA

Manaakitanga is one of Oaklynn's core values - it is a beautiful concept from Te Ao Māori (Māori world) and means "hospitality, kindness, generosity, support - the process of showing respect, generosity and care for others".



Oaklynn's manaakitanga initiative can support our community in many ways during lockdown;

- Purchasing food, delivering food and other items to homes
- **\$70 buys a food parcel (like the one in the pic) for a family**

Here's how you can help

Going on our list of helpers email - manaakitanga@oaklynn.school.nz

Make a \$\$ donation to the school manaakitanga account **12-3109-0012500-00** with reference **manaakitanga**

Oaklynn's manaakitanga fund has continued to support the purchase of extra food parcels where needed.

The fund has also been used to purchase a **special gift** for those experiencing a hardship or loss at this time.

Many of our community have experienced a death in their family, a child in hospital or an injury or general 'tough time' and whilst we know that these events are part of the pattern of everyday life - experiencing them in lockdown and without extended family can make things extra hard.

So we have sent a gift from our whole community to let them know we are thinking of them.

How can we help?

We are very aware that this length of time in Lockdown can put extra strain on families. Living with these restrictions can be very upsetting for our tamariki and rangatahi.

If you need help please reach out and we can try to support you.

For any need - no matter how big or small please contact manaakitanga@oaklynn.school.nz

Community Support

A big shout out to the organisations below who supported our families to have food throughout the school break. Disability Connect are currently applying for extra funds to ensure they can continue to support our families in an ongoing way.

THANK YOU



Metro Auckland



...taikura**trust**

Thank you to Disability Connect for reaching out to us and confirming that they are able to provide food parcels for our whānau again through to **Christmas.**

This is great news and gives our families certainty in these difficult times

Disability Connect is supported by Steven at New World Metro Queen Street and his team, Foundation North and Taikura Trust to support our families with food.

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Noho ora mai
Louise Doyle
Principal
Oaklynn School

Upsize your reo

Te reo used in our updates	In english
Kia ora e te whānau o Oaklynn, Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou ki to koutou whānau hoki.	Hello to the family of Oaklynn Many greetings /wishes to you all and we hope your family is well.
Kaiako	Teacher
Kaiawhina	Support staff
Tamariki	Children
Rangatahi	Young adults
Whānau	Family
Ākonga	Learner

Manaakitanga	hospitality, kindness, generosity, support - the process of showing respect, generosity and care for others.
Mahi	Work

New Zealand COVID-19 Protection Framework

Factors for considering a shift between levels: vaccination coverage, capacity of the health and disability system; testing, contact tracing and case management capacity; and the transmission of COVID-19 within the community, including its impact on key populations.

Localised lockdowns: will be used as part of the public health response in the new framework across all levels, and there may still be a need to use wider lockdowns (similar to the measures in Alert Level 3 or 4).

Vaccination certificates: Requiring vaccination certificates will be optional for many locations. There are some higher-risk settings where they will be a requirement in order to open to the public. Some places won't be able to introduce vaccination requirements, to ensure everyone can access basic services, including supermarkets and pharmacies.

<p>GREEN</p> <p>COVID-19 across New Zealand, including sporadic imported cases.</p> <p>Limited community transmission.</p> <p>COVID-19 hospitalisations are at a manageable level.</p> <p>Whole of health system is ready to respond – primary care, public health, and hospitals.</p>	<p>General settings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Record keeping/scanning required Face coverings mandatory on flights, encouraged indoors Public facilities – open 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retail – open Workplaces – open Education (schools, ECE, tertiary) – open 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specified outdoor community events – allowed
	<p>No limits if vaccination certificates are used for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hospitality Gatherings (e.g. weddings, places of worship, marae) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Events (indoor/outdoor) Close contact businesses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gyms
	<p>If vaccination certificates are not used, the following restrictions apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hospitality – up to 100 people, based on 1m distancing, seated and separated Gatherings (e.g. weddings, places of worship, marae) – up to 100 people, based on 1m distancing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Events (indoor/outdoor) – up to 100 people based on 1m distancing, seated and separated Close contact businesses – face coverings for staff, 1m distancing between customers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gyms – up to 100 people, based on 1m distancing
<p>ORANGE</p> <p>Increasing community transmission with increasing pressure on health system.</p> <p>Whole of health system is focusing resources but can manage – primary care, public health, and hospitals.</p> <p>Increasing risk to at risk populations.</p>	<p>General settings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Record keeping/scanning required Face coverings mandatory on flights, public transport, taxis, retail, public venues, encouraged elsewhere 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public facilities – open with capacity limits based on 1m distancing Retail – open with capacity limits based on 1m distancing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workplaces – open Education – open with public health measures in place Specified outdoor community events – allowed
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	<p>If vaccination certificates are not used, the following restrictions apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hospitality – contactless only 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gatherings (e.g. weddings, places of worship, marae) – up to 50 people, based on 1m distancing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Close contact businesses, events (indoor/outdoor) and gyms are not able to operate
<p>RED</p> <p>Action needed to protect health system – system facing unsustainable number of hospitalisations.</p> <p>Action needed to protect at-risk populations.</p>	<p>General settings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Record keeping/scanning required Face coverings mandatory on flights, public transport, taxis, retail, public venues, recommended whenever leaving the house 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public facilities – open with up to 100 people, based on 1m distancing Retail – open with capacity limits based on 1m distancing Workplaces – working from home encouraged 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education – schools and ECE open with public health measures and controls Specified outdoor community events – allowed with capacity limits
	<p>With vaccination certificates, the following restrictions apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hospitality – up to 100 people, based on 1m distancing, seated and separated Gatherings (e.g. weddings, places of worship, marae) – up to 100 people, based on 1m distancing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Events (indoor/outdoor) – up to 100 people based on 1m distancing, seated and separated Close contact businesses – public health requirements in place 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gyms – up to 100 people, based on 1m distancing Tertiary education – vaccinations required for onsite delivery, with capacity based on 1m distancing
	<p>If vaccination certificates are not used, the following restrictions apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hospitality – contactless only Gatherings (e.g. weddings, places of worship, marae) – up to 10 people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Close contact businesses, events (indoor/outdoor) and gyms are not able to operate Tertiary education – distance learning only 	