




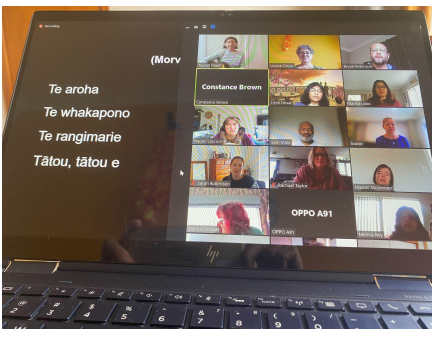
14/09/2021 UPDATE to community
Level 4 continues

Kia ora e te whānau,

Last night we heard from the Prime Minister's announcement that Auckland will

- Remain in Level 4 NOHO RAHUI (Lockdown) for another week until 11.59 pm **Tuesday 21st September.**
- In principle - move to Level 3 Wednesday 22nd September.
- **SCHOOL continues to be CLOSED** and we continue to learn from home.

Naumai haere mai ki te wiki o te reo māori.

 <p>For the Māori language moment Oaklynn staff joined together for a waiata at 12.00 pm today.</p>		<p>'Kia kaha' is well understood in New Zealand English with its meaning of 'be strong'. We often talk about languages as if they are people – talking about language health, strength and revitalisation. So when we say 'Kia kaha te reo Māori' we're saying - 'Let's make the Māori language strong'.</p>
<p>I waiata 'Te Aroha' ngā whānau o te kura o Oaklynn Oaklynn School sang 'Te Aroha' for the Te Wā Tuku Reo Māori.</p>		

ADVANCED NOTICE - HOLIDAY PROGRAMME CANCELLED

We are currently in Week 8 of Term 3 and with only 2 and a half weeks until the end of term we need to make a decision around whether or not the Holiday Programme will go ahead this holiday.

Due to the fact that we are in Level 4 for another week the likelihood is that we will be in Level 3 at the end of term and into the holidays.

With this in mind we have made the decision to cancel this Holiday Programme.

Vaccine update

- **SESSION at Oaklynn booked - Thursday 23rd September**
- If you would like to have your vaccine at Oaklynn please email feedback@oaklynn.school.nz by Thursday 16th September to book.
- **For more information see memo at the end of this newsletter.**

LEARNING FROM HOME

How are we doing?

Over the last week or so teachers have been touching base with you to check how your whānau are doing in terms of wellbeing and learning. **Ako** - learning and **Hauora** wellbeing are two of Oaklynn's school values and we want to know that we are on the right track in supporting you.

The information we have received tells us whilst most of our ākonga are engaged with some type of activity or learning experience there are a handful of ākonga who need a little more help. We will be looking for ways to support these learners/ ākonga in different ways.

ZOOM sessions in action

Staff and families are opening up their homes to me as I pop in and out of sessions across the week. It is most humbling to see the awesome work our staff are doing to make learning experiences and connecting fun.

Whanaungatanga - one of Oaklynn's core values

Relationships based on sense of belonging and shared experiences

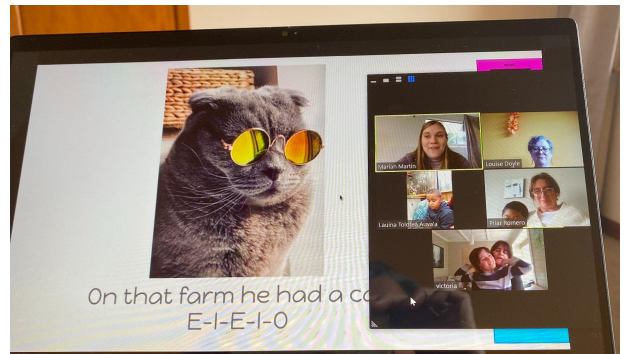
ZOOM is such a great way to connect with each other and keep our sense of community and sense of belonging strong in these times.

ZOOM and our learners

Te Aratika Wha Playing a colour game with Aga



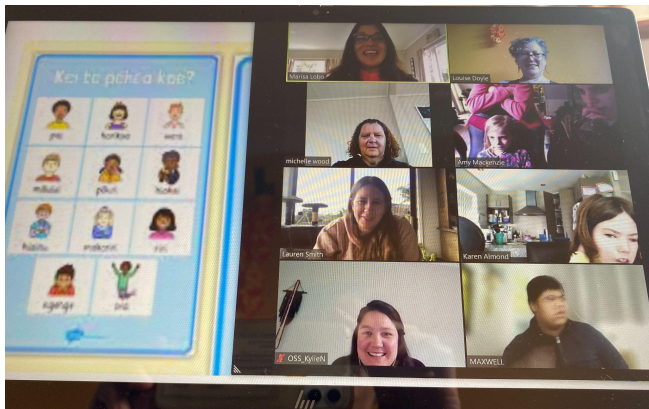
Base Room 2 -Mariah's class Singing Old Mc Donald



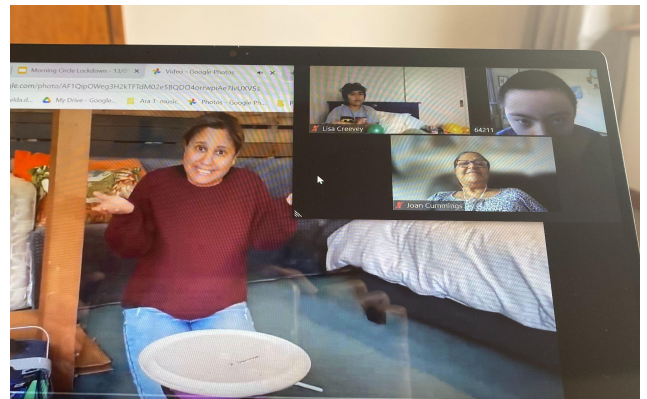
**Base School and OakTEC joined in a fun puppet event with Dawn Glover (freelance artist/performer)
Not sure who had more fun, the students or the staff!!**



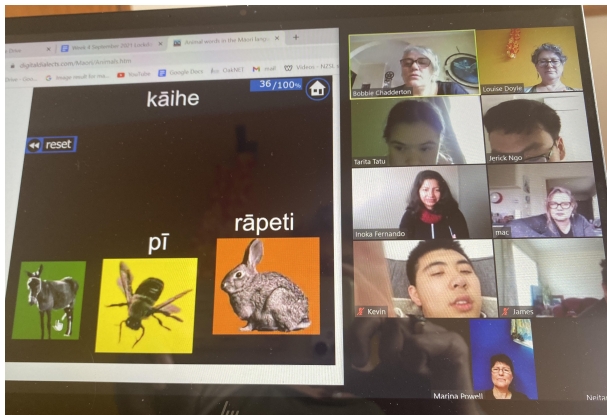
**AIS - Marisa's class checking in with each other using
'kei te pehea koe?'**



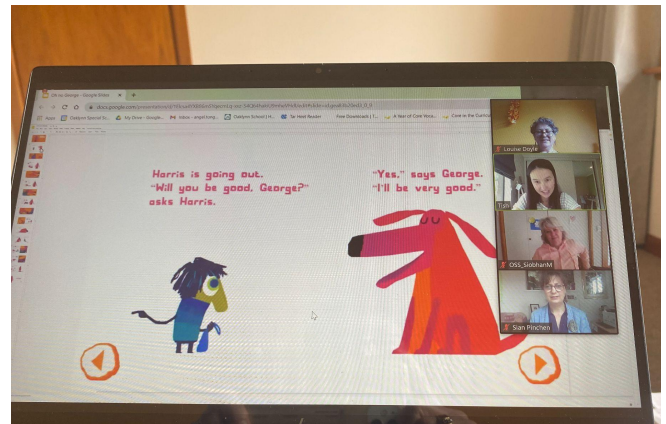
**GBS - Zelda's class - Bucket time
I've got something in my bucket - What can it be?**



OakTEC - te reo māori games



New Entrants - story reading with Angel



Te Aratika Tahī and Rua - music with Rachel and special performance from Daniel in steel drums

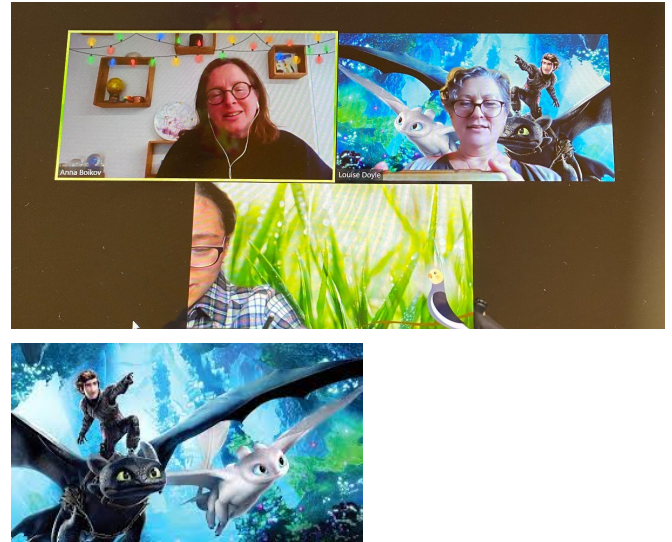


Oaklynn Outreach team

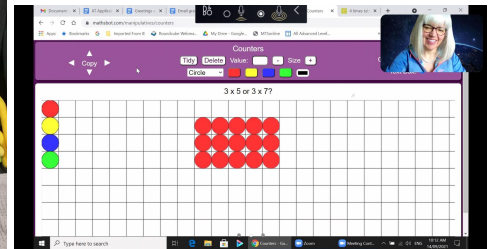
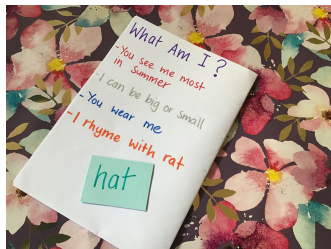
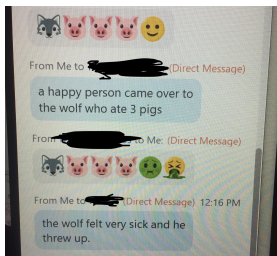
Oaklynn's Outreach Teacher team (8 teachers) support over 40 students with ORS funding in 18 local schools.

Just as our classroom teachers are supporting their students via zoom - so are our outreach teachers supporting their learners in the same way through Lockdown.

I had the pleasure of being invited to a session with teacher Anna and one of her students, Horiana. Horiana loves 'How to Train Your Dragon' movies and so we were playing with backgrounds together. Thank you Horiana and your whānau for having me in your home. It was a pleasure to meet you all.



Outreach teachers connect with their learners via text and online platforms and videoing story telling.



ZOOM and our staff

Look at this lovely bunch!

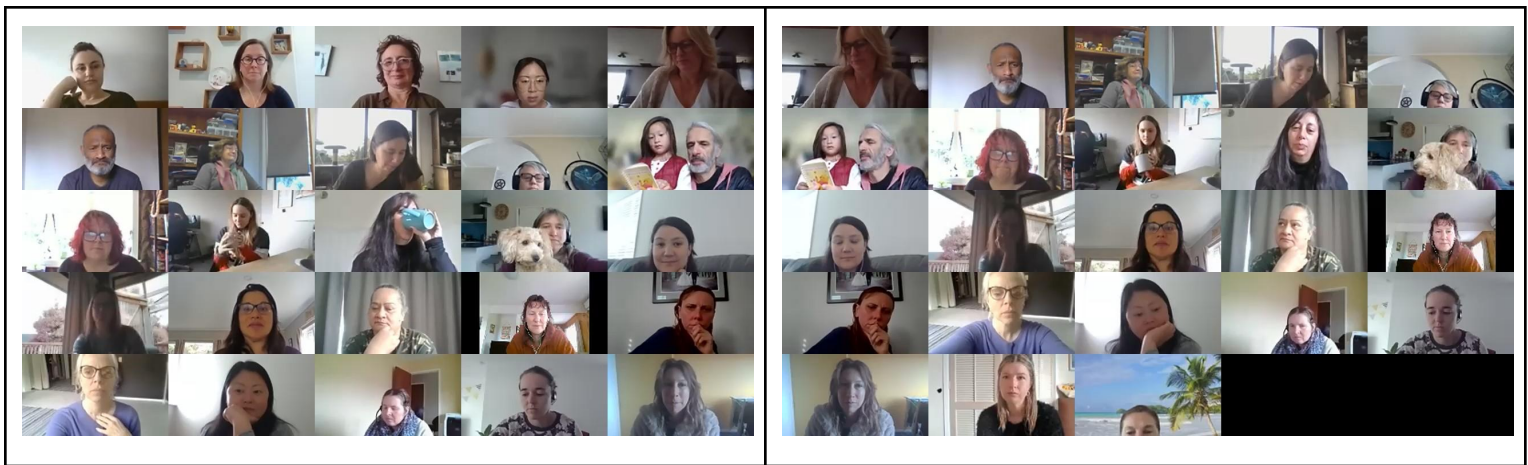
Each week on Wednesday morning our teachers, therapists, admin team and senior leaders all come together for a staff meeting.

It's an opportunity to say Hi to each other, share important information and celebrate successes in our mahi.

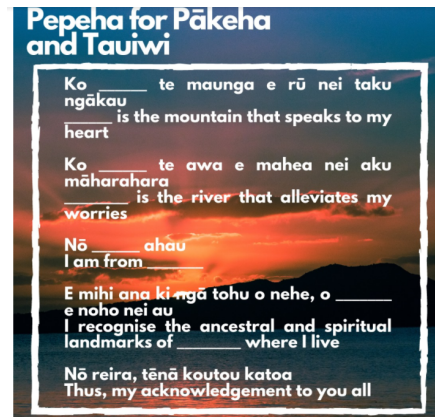
On zoom it takes 3 screens to see us all.

Thank you again team for your ongoing dedication to our ākonga and their whānau.





Pepeha writing - te wiki o te reo Māori



Louise Dore led a session for staff to learn how to put together their pepeha.
Over 30 staff attended the voluntary session

Hardpack resources

- We are approving the making of hard pack resources for learners who may want something more than ZOOM or online activities.
- Please let your teacher know if you require a hard pack resource

LEVEL 3 As previously notified

In consultation with the Board of Trustees we have made the decision that Oaklynn School including all satellites will remain closed in the initial stages of Level 3. Please note we are following the directive from Covid-19 Bulletin from the **Secretary for Education** on 29 August as follows :

"Residential Specialist Schools and Day Specialist Schools will not resume in the early stages of Alert Level 3 for children to physically attend. Teaching staff can return to the school premises and support parents and children at home. They will develop plans for children to return to physical attendance if public health measures can be managed later in the Alert Level 3 period."

The Board of Trustees have also decided that we will not be able to have teacher aides go into family homes in Level 3. We will continue to work with you to support learning from home as best we can.

I trust you understand that these decisions have been made with the health and wellbeing of our students, their whānau and our staff at the forefront. We have such a vulnerable population, that we must exercise extra caution.

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".

THANK YOU



the fono



Over the last 4 weeks we have managed to provide food parcels for an increasing number of families - we are now supporting 16 whānau EVERY week with a food parcel.

Thank you to the following organisations who have helped over the weeks

- Presbyterian Support,
- New World Green Bay,
- St Kentigerns food bank initiative,
- Fono
- Eat my Lunch



And of course our **Oaklynn manaakitanga community** - whenever there is a shortfall of parcels we use your donations to top up the supplies.

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

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

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**



IF YOU NEED HELP - email confidentially to manaakitanga@oaklynn.school.nz or reach out to your teacher or someone else you know at Oaklynn. We are here to help you.

Stay home, stay safe, be kind and kia kaha

Noho ora mai
Louise Doyle,
Principal



COVID VACCINATION AT OAKLYNN - UPDATE. 14/09/2021

Questions and Answers

Question	Answer
Who can be vaccinated?	Anyone associated with Oaklynn School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students over the age of 12 years and their families - Staff and their families - 1st time vaccines - 2nd time vaccines
Will there be another vaccine session for my second jab?	Yes - Oaklynn will organise the team to return for those needing a second vaccination - in approximately 6 weeks.
Can I bring family members?	Yes - Bring anyone associated with your family that is in your bubble.
Is it a drive through process?	No - you will come inside for the vaccine.
What time will I have my vaccine?	After Thursday 16th (cut off point for bookings) we will create a booking system - where we give each whānau a scheduled allotted hour slot on that day. We will email you your time.
Is there a waiting period after the vaccine?	Yes - you will wait in another room for 15 minutes with vaccine staff observing your wellbeing.
Is there a health check?	Yes - you will have the health check done whilst in your car - temperature check, asked questions about symptoms.
Do I need to wear a mask?	Yes please - if our young people are unable - you may like to try a bandana or similar - but if not it is ok if they can't.
What are the hygiene measures?	Face masks, hand sanitiser, gloves if needed, vaccine team will wear a face shield or goggles.
My young person might have difficulties - will there be extra help?	Yes - we will have extra staff available to support students. This has been approved by the vaccine coordinator. Email to feedback@oaklynn.school.nz if you have specific needs for your young person and we will make a plan with you.
What if my young person can't get into the room?	No problem - the vaccine team is very helpful and will come out and vaccinate your young person outside on the benches if needed.
What do I need to bring?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NHI number 2. Mask 3. Consent form (and there will be blank forms on the day) 4. Consent form signed by your doctor if your young person (our student) is OVER 18 and this is their first vaccination.

