



21/09/2021 UPDATE to community

Level 3 starts tomorrow

Kia ora e te whānau,

Last night we heard from the Prime Minister's announcement that Auckland will move to Level 3 at 11.59 pm Tuesday 21st September.

SPECIAL SCHOOLS CLOSED IN 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 and we will continue to learn from home
- 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.

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
- We have 85 people - staff and students and their whānau coming to be vaccinated.

LEARNING FROM HOME

Ako - learning and **Hauora** wellbeing are two of Oaklynn's school values.

- We have been checking in with you to know that we are on the right track in supporting you.
- **Of our 187 ākongā there are only 3 whānau** that we have been unable to connect with at the level we would prefer. This means that we're in contact with just about every whānau and ākongā.
- Note - these three ākongā are receiving learning packs along with many others.
- As of later this week we will have delivered close to **90 hard packs to learners** - who need something in addition to ZOOM, Storypark, one on one video calls or our Youtube channel.

ZOOM sessions in action

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.

Oaklynn Therapy Team

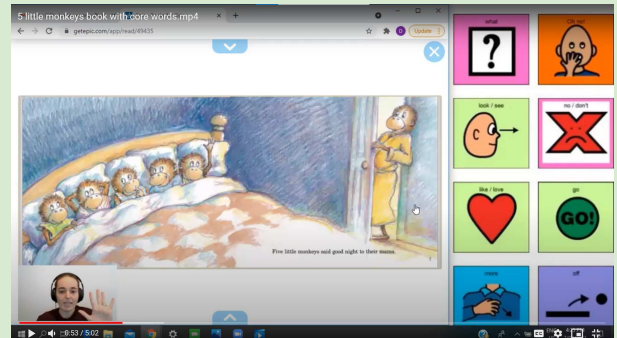
Teachers and therapists at Oaklynn work well together - collaborative practice ensures that all staff are on the same page and work together for the benefit of our ākonga.

This lockdown in particular has demonstrated the true partnership between therapists and teachers.

Our therapy team has been outstanding at providing support for the classes and teachers.



Letitia Middleton - Physiotherapist (PT)
Simon Says with New Entrants and
Sea Yoga with Intermediate classes

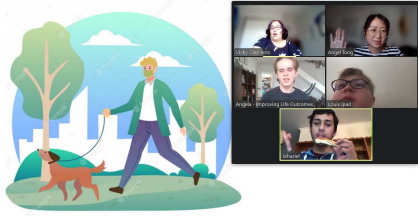


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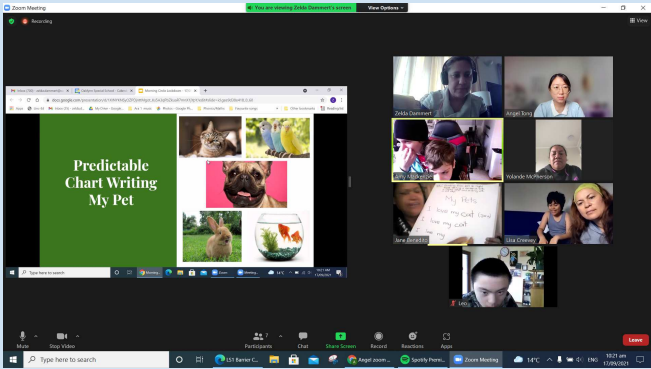
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Leanne Rumney-Speech language Therapist (SLT)

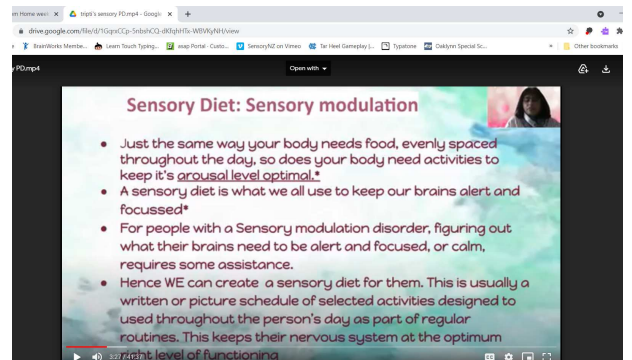
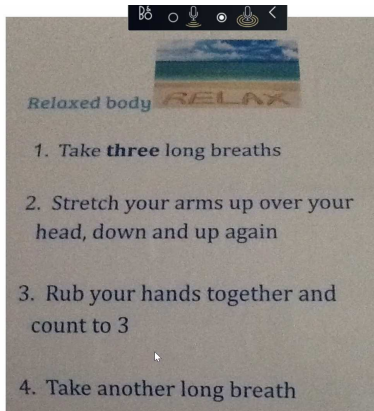
I went out for a walk during lockdown.



Kylie Occupational Therapist (OT) delivering 'Mat Man' programme to the New Entrants group.



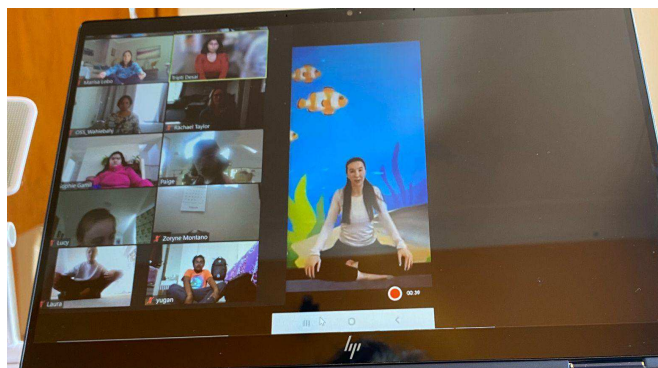
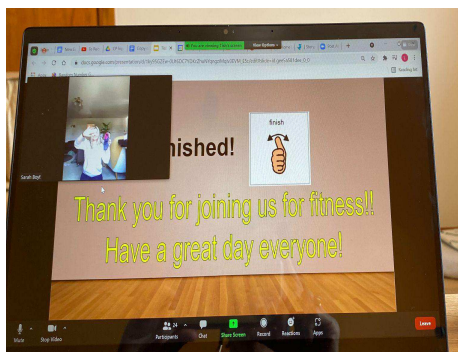
Angel Tong - SLT supporting classes Tahī and intermediates



Tripti Desai OT working with AIS class

and also

Delivering a Whole staff learning session



Physios Tish and Sarah - fitness with the intermediates and even a reminder from Sarah to wear your orthotics insoles for fitness next week!!

Along with supporting classes and teachers, members of the therapy team have been delivering and attending professional learning opportunities over the past weeks. Merryn, one of our Physiotherapists has presented a couple of case studies to other professional to support collaborative learning across our physiotherapists network.

ZOOM and our staff Oaklynn whole staff meeting

Guest appearance - Dawn Glover.

Dawn describes herself as a freelance artist and she has an arts company called “**Chocolate Lantern Theatre**”.

Through an Arts grant applied for at school Dawn is able to work with us this year. After attending Dawn’s session with Base School and OakTEC - and having so much fun, I asked Dawn to come to our staff meeting and engage 45+ staff in some fun.

Staff participated in a 20 minute session of **laughter and joy!!** Using sock puppets to help them find their inner youth!!

Several staff commented on how much better their day went after starting it with laughter.

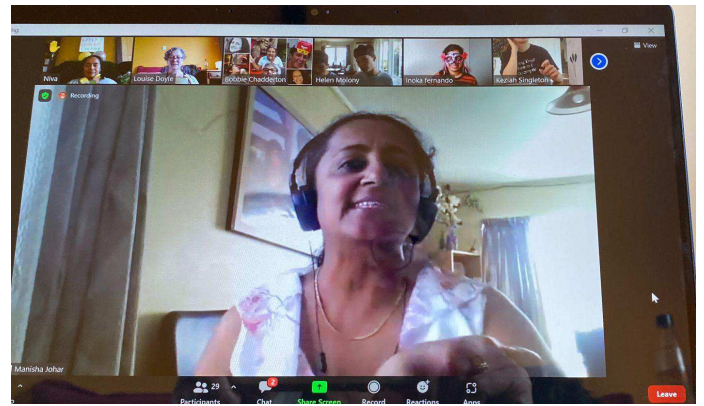
“By activating the neural pathways of emotions like **joy and mirth, laughter can improve your mood** and make your physical and emotional response to stress less intense. For example, laughing may help control brain levels of the neurotransmitter serotonin, similar to what antidepressants do”.

Science; The Wire, The Science of Why Laughing Is Good for Your Mind and Body

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And we even manage to celebrate birthdays too!



One of our team Manisha from OakTEC celebrated a 'special' birthday and staff and students turned up to celebrate - zoom style with her. **Rā whānau ki a koe 🎂 Manisha.**

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

eat my lunch

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
- Salvation Army



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

Here's how you can help

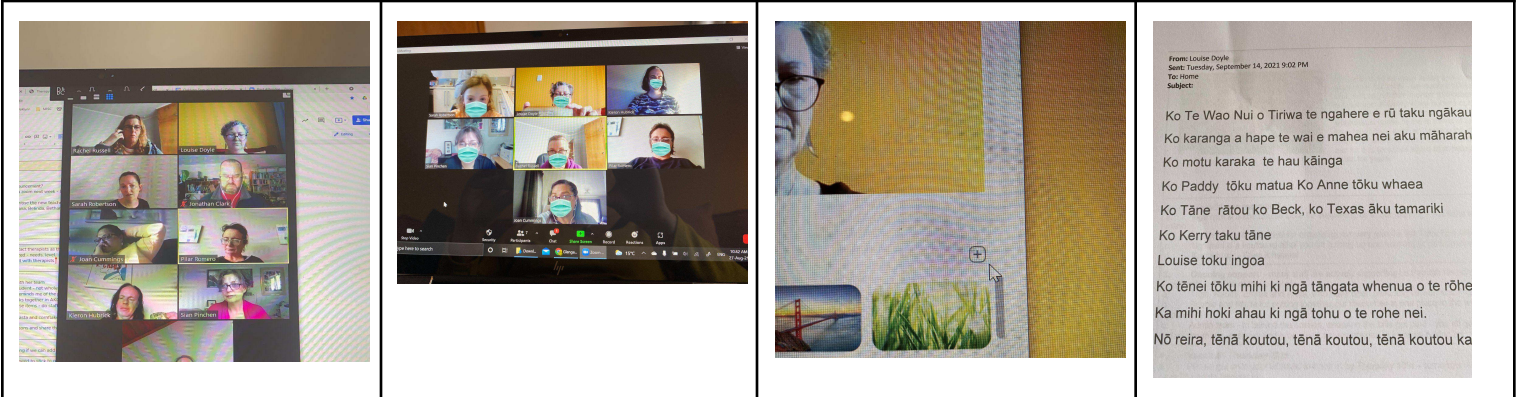
Going on our list of helpers email - manaakitanga@oaklynn.school.nz

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



This week the manaakitanga initiative is extending a **gesture of kindness** to a handful of members of our community who are doing it tough - be it due to experiencing a loss in their whānau or coming out of hospital in this difficult time. We know that a simple act of kindness goes a long way to making a difference in someone's day or even week.

**So what does a Principal do in Lockdown??
Thank you for having me in your homes - here's a peek at mine**



Zoom meeting - formal Zoom meeting chillaxed Zoom - learn new skills Revive my pepeha



**Channelling my inner primary school teacher's joy - making resources for learning packs
Who knew what happened when you mix cornflour and liquid hand soap!!**



Doing the Stuff quiz Watching kids movies Watching 'The Chase' Making bread
14 is a rare score! Cinderella 😊 + wine and chippies!!

Stay home, stay safe, be kind and kia kaha

Noho ora mai
Louise Doyle,
Principal



