

Newsletter

DEAR PARENTS AND FRIENDS

NGĀ MIHI NUI KI A KOUTOU KATOA. GREETINGS TO YOU ALL.

Kia ora to all our families. We are currently operating at Covid-19 alert level 3. This means that school remains closed and some student supervision is available for parents who must work at level 3, and have no other care options available at home. It has been a very busy time for school staff and we have worked hard to ensure that you have had the information you need to support your children at home. Please keep checking your emails regularly. As we have further alert level changes, we will send information out to you.

Shona Hamilton is supervising one of four level 3 bubbles at school this week. Eden K (Year 4) and Delilah H (Year 4) are both keeping at a safe distance from others in their bubbles.



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REMINDERS

- Mon 6 Sept, Level 3 Review
- Fri 1 Oct, Last Day Term 3
- Mon 18 Oct, First Day Term 4
- Thur 16 Dec, Last Day Term 4 (1pm finish)



PLAYGROUNDS ARE CLOSED

All playgrounds, including the school playgrounds are closed at level 3 and 4.

Thank you for following the rules and keeping everyone safe.



HOME LEARNING PORTAL

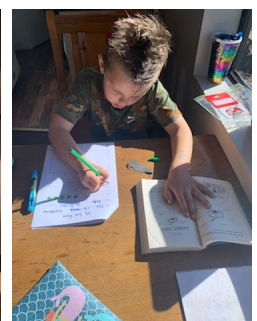
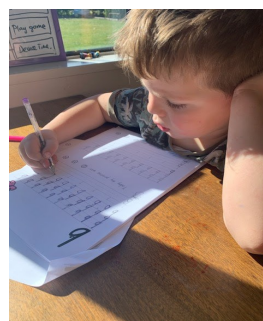
The teaching teams have been providing a good variety of learning experiences through the [Home Learning Portal](#). I have been taking a look at the work posted on Seesaw and have been impressed with all the things happening in homes around Cromwell. Eva O (Year 2) and Ollie T (Year 2) have both been enjoying a mixture of academic work and hands-on fun activities at home. They have been able to access lots of lessons through Seesaw activities. Photos have then been posted to Seesaw so teachers can give feedback.



HOME LEARNING PACKS

Kārearea 5 teacher, Barbara Caughey, found a picture of a dairy in Southland who had some home learning resources available for families to collect while shopping for essential groceries. This gave me the idea to contact New World and Fresh Choice to ask for their support in getting materials out to our community. They both responded with enthusiasm. I invited Goldfields Primary to participate alongside us, but they had made alternative plans. The first lot of packs were used up very quickly and had to be topped up later that day. Linda Bell, teacher aide, took over the job of copying and restocking these packs. This has proved to be a very popular option for families. Thanks for all the positive messages and feedback we have received.

Zach W (Year 3) and Josh W (Year 1) have been working hard on the activities in their Home Learning Packs.



PROPERTY PROJECTS AT CROMWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

I have had a number of people asking about what is happening with all the property projects around our school. I have decided to put together a special property feature for the next newsletter issue in Week 8.

LEARNING TE REO WITH DANELLA



I am no expert but I enjoy learning new words and phrases. With so many of us working from home, I thought I'd share some ways to sign off your emails.

Ngā mihi - many thanks

Mā te wā - see you soon

Noho ora mai - stay well

Mauri ora - Farewell

TIPS FOR SURVIVING (AND THRIVING) HOME LEARNING

- 1 Put your own well-being and sanity at the top of the list. Make decisions that will work for your family. You can't look after the rest of your family if you are stressed and falling apart. Your child's well-being should also be a priority. Academic progress can be addressed after that.
- 2 Look at your child's school report which was sent home at the end of Term 2. This will tell you the most important next steps for him or her. Time spent on these goals will have a positive impact on achievement.
- 3 Remember that not all important learning is academic. Time spent enjoying family experiences such as gardening and cooking can be wonderful opportunities for learning. There is a great deal of language and maths in baking.
- 4 Take regular breaks. Too much time seated at a screen or a desk can make young learners switch off. Physical activity is vital for health and well-being.
- 5 If your child is reluctant to participate in home learning activities try offering choices and incentive activities. Would you like to play this maths game or complete a maths worksheet? When you have practised your spelling words, we can go for a bike ride or play monopoly.

THANK YOU

Thank you to our whole school community for all that you have done to support the children over lockdown. The staff and parents have made a tremendous effort to ensure all students are safe and have some opportunities to carry on with their learning. I feel lucky to be part of such an amazing school community.

Noho ora mai - Stay well

Danella Smallridge
Acting Principal



CYBERSECURITY AND CONTENT FILTERING FOR STUDENTS LEARNING FROM HOME

For personal devices, we suggest using Network 4 Learning's simple but effective content filtering service [Switch on safety](#) for students learning from home.

We encourage all parents/whānau to take advantage of this free service. It's a universally available support for learner devices once they are off the school site and not protected by your internet filtering service.

It's important to note however that content filters are not a complete protection from online harm and should be used in conjunction with other cyber security precautions (for example, anti-virus software) and appropriate supervision.

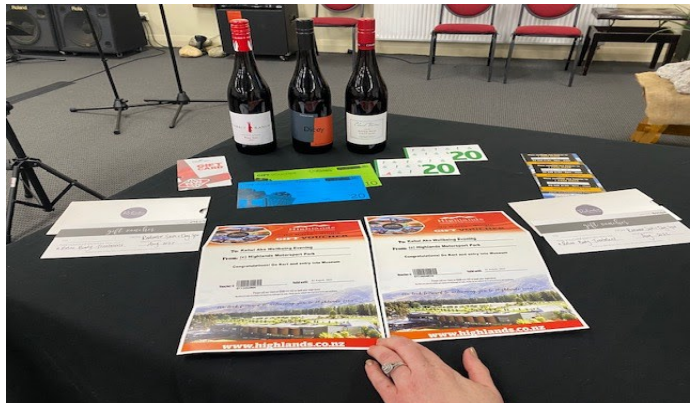
TE KĀHUI AKO O NGĀ AWANUI—WELLBEING LAUNCH



On the evening of Monday 9th August, our Cromwell Community of Learning (Te Kāhui Ako o Ngā Awanui) staff got together for our Wellbeing Launch with CORE Education.

We'd like to publicly thank the following local businesses for supporting our Kāhui Ako staff with some fantastic prizes:

- Highlands Motorsport Park
- Radiance Skin & Day Spa
- Five Stags
- Cromwell Pharmacy
- Cromwell Paper Plus
- Cromwell New World
- Dicey wines
- Chard Farm
- Nic McNamara - Lip balms
- CELCI



The prizes were gratefully received and were a nice conclusion to the evening. Thank you to these businesses for supporting the wellbeing of all the staff involved in educating our young people in Cromwell.

NEW PRINCIPAL RECRUITMENT

Kia ora, I am assisting the Cromwell Primary School Board in the recruitment process for your new principal. The board is seeking your feedback on some key skills and attributes that you feel will be important in this appointment.

Here is a link to the board survey: [Principal Survey](#)

Thank you for your time in completing this,

*Ngā mihi
Cleave Hay*

NEW ARRIVALS - WELCOME

We have welcomed Grace T, Zander D, Reyansh J and Colt A to school recently. We hope you enjoy your time with us at Cromwell Primary School!

FINANCES

- School Costs will be billed to your child's account. A statement will be sent out monthly that shows the items billed and payments made.
- Please pay by internet banking (03-1735-0004162-000). Please put name and what it relates to as the reference and/or e-mail Tegan to advise. If you are unable to pay by internet banking, payment can be made by cash or cheque. Please place cash/cheque in a named envelope and specify what the payment is for on the envelope. The envelope can be given to the classroom teacher to come to the office in the purple bag. If dropping the envelope to the office, please put envelope in the post-it slot. **We do not have eftpos.**
- **We have limited cash, so please endeavour to pay the exact amount of cash.**
- **You can pay regular amounts to cover costs e.g \$5 per week if NE-Y2, \$10 per week if Y3&4, \$15 Y5&6.**
- Should you require assistance to meet school costs, please contact the principal or Tegan in the office as there is assistance that is available.

UNIFORM

New Uniform can be purchased from Tanya at Metrografix. Tanya is in the Metrografix office from 9am until 2:45 daily. If uniform is needed outside this time please call and arrange a time that suits.

E-mail: tanya.metrografix@xtra.co.nz, telephone 03 4454533, cell: 027 6213582.

- House T-shirts are available for \$20
- Highlighter Vests can be purchased for \$10 each
- Boys School Socks, lovely quality nice dark navy - available in twin packs \$9.00 per pack (so \$4.50 a pair).
- School hats with the house colours (\$20) - pre-ordering available now

Second-Hand can be purchased on-line on the "Cromwell Primary School Second-Hand Uniform Buy/Sell Page

[Second-Hand Uniform Link](#)



Our Lochie



LOCHIE WIN WAS ON TV!

Lochie has been skiing to raise funds
for The Cancer Society



Would you like to be inspired?
Watch this video clip which aired on
TVI on Saturday 28 August

<https://cdn.iframe.ly/>