



**Kia Ora Koutou Katoa**  
**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020**

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The months are flying by as we move into May today. We currently have three bubbles operating at school with two teachers working in each bubble. Yesterday Mrs Staniland celebrated her birthday, so the children were able to put together some special messages for her for her special day. The children, and staff, are finding it quite a different school environment but are quickly adapting to this.

Our school safety plan is in action and we have been working at Alert Level 3 since Wednesday.

Today we will be setting up a couple of plastic bins, by the table outside the office, for the return of any readers or library books which you no longer require. You do not need to come into the office, just place your books in the bins provided. We are required to clean these resources before we use them again.

If you would like new reading books, or library books, please let your child's teacher know. On Monday we will work on putting these resources together for you. The resources will be in paper bags with your child's name on it. These will be on a table outside the office. We will let you know when you are able to collect these.

During the isolation period we set up a design task for the children in Year 4 to Year 6. This was in relation to a new playground for the children. We would love to see what the children have come up with so far. If younger children would like to get into some designing we would be happy to see your ideas. I have included the information we sent home for you at the end of this newsletter.

Enjoy the weekend, stay safe in your bubbles.

Ngā mihi  
Cathryn Naera  
Principal

## **New Playground Project - 2020**

While you are at home, we would like to set a project for you to work on which can be presented to the Board of Trustees for consideration.

This year we are planning to remove the current senior playground and install a whole new playground.

### **Your task:**

Do some research of playgrounds and identify items that you would like to see included.

Draw up a plan of the playground you would like to see at school. Draw items or use your digital capability to insert pictures of items

**The playground must include:**

- Shade, we would keep the current shade structure, but we may need more
- The sandpit, but it may be bigger and must incorporate a cover
- The dragon stays where he is
- We will not have a bark base so do not need the playground perimeter frame.

We will provide a base like the new playground with the blue cushioning

We have stepped out the area and you can work with a perimeter 35 metres long and 12 meters wide. However, it will not be 12 meters all the way as the perimeter shape changes.

Use this shape as a base template. I look forward to receiving your designs which you can email to me at [principal@ohopebeach.school.nz](mailto:principal@ohopebeach.school.nz) or bring them with you when we are back at school.

