



ALBANY PRIMARY SCHOOL
Where learning makes a difference...

Monday 31st August

Good evening parents and caregivers

Not unexpectedly today's announcement confirmed the inevitable requirement for Auckland to continue in COVID Level 4 for another 14 days until 11:59pm on Tuesday 14th of September. "*It is what it is*" is the phrase that comes to mind and despite being frustrating for us all, the further statement "*our sacrifice is making a difference*" affirms our actions are making a difference. Further Information available at [Unite against COVID-19](#).

I would like to acknowledge the whole staff from Albany Primary School for their exceptional "can-do attitude", not only the teachers and support staff for their immediate switch to online learning, closing the school down, organising devices and hard copy packs but for their continued effort in communicating and where possible, attempting to support every learner and their families needs. For those of you using the school hard copy packs resources have been designed to include this week's learning and we will contact you this Wednesday regarding your future requirements.

I applaud you as parents (and your wider whānau) for the way you are all managing the multiple demands of work, home and family, and appreciate this is not easy. For this reason I will keep my communication to you at a minimum as I know too well the sense of an overloaded inbox, your class teachers will continue to convey further messages.

Once again Mr Hopkins (and Jack) are keeping us not only entertained but also challenging our creativity and innovation with fabulous videos and quizzes. The APS Taskmaster continues to post daily challenges on the master set of Google Slides [here](#). In the background, there's also been a busy creative group working on 'Kid vs Kid', an upper primary research and debating competition. The first sample episode has been uploaded [here](#).

The Ministry of Education has updated the Home Learning TV channel and there is a wealth of interesting lessons available. Home learning TV / Papa Kāinga TV will take over **TVNZ's DUKE+1 daytime schedule** between 9am and 1pm on weekdays, with programmes and lessons for children aged 2 to 11 years. DUKE+1 is available on **Freeview channel 18 (or Sky channel 504)**. Episodes will also be available **OnDemand** soon after the original broadcast.

[Home Learning TV | Papa Kāinga TV | Learning from home](#)

Stay safe

Regards

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