


Personal Excellence / Tu Rangatira



- Be your best
- Have a 'can do' attitude
- Persevere to achieve your goals and challenges
- Be resilient

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers
Kia Ora

I hope everyone is managing life at home under the Level 4 conditions. The banner picture is of our school value **PERSONAL EXCELLENCE / TU RANGATIRA**. This value is represented on our logo by the two trees. This value asks that our students do their best in their work, give things a go with a positive attitude, be resilient and persevere at tasks. This value could be considered as appropriate for the current situation we are in with the schools closed.

It is helpful when talking about values to children that you try to relate it to personal experiences. Unfortunately, I know that families in our school community will have their own particular challenges that require resilience. Our children will also be facing issues at their level: missing friends, missing sports, no play dates during the lockdowns to name a few - please talk about this with your children so they can possibly reframe their current experience in a positive way and in doing so develop resilience.

DISTANCE LEARNING

The Distance Learning programme for the first week back has been completed by teachers and will be available on April 15. The Learning Grids are for you to work through at your own pace at home with your children. Distance Learning is not the same as Home Learning or Online learning because most of our staff, parents and students are not prepared with the specific skills and resources needed for online learning. This format will not be the same as if your teacher was teaching your child in a classroom. This will not be the same experience as being at school yet we will be trying to maintain your child's academic levels as well as providing some fun learning experiences. We also know many of you will be working from home and that we do not expect you to act as "teachers" in the way we do. Please be led by your child as to what they can and cannot do – also by the availability of devices in your bubble.

Our Distance Learning programme for Term 2 will be emailed and shared on the school website (Class Page). The grid will be refreshed every Wednesday.

The Grid has activities for each 'subject' and contains three learning activities. You may pick and choose what you are able to do from home. The priority items will be Reading, Writing and Maths. We have tried to make the templates as easy as possible to navigate. You can choose whether you complete the tasks using a device or you may like to print/copy down the templates provided, to do manually.

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If your child is very new to learning in English, the ESOL department will email you a grid of ESOL activities that children can choose from when the class activity is too difficult. Our ESOL team, including the bilingual ESOL teacher aides, will still be available remotely on their usual days.

To help prepare for this it would be helpful if you:

- Have an area set aside for the children with equipment they may need (e.g. pencil, paper, pens, devices)
- Sort out a device for them to use (if you have more than one child needing a computer you may need to organise a schedule).
- Set a schedule with your child – they will not need to work from 9 am to 3pm. The schedule could be specific times through the day or a block in the morning.

I have shared two possible schedules below:

Before 9:00am	Wake up	Eat breakfast, make your bed, get dressed, put any dirty clothes in the laundry
OR 9:00-10:00	Morning walk	Family walk with the dog, bike ride, Yoga if it's raining
10:00-11:00	Learning at home	School-led learning or Sudoku, books, flash cards, study guide, journal etc.
11:00-12:00	Creative time	Legos, drawing, crafting, play music, cook or bake etc.
12:00 pm	Lunch :)	
12:30	Helping at home	# wipe all kitchen tables and chairs # wipe all door handles, light switches and desk tops # wipe both bathrooms - sinks and toilets
1:00-2:30	Quiet time	Reading, puzzles, nap, radio NZ stories
2:30-4:00	Learning at home	School-led learning or iPad games, Prodigy, Educational TV show
4:00-5:00	Afternoon fresh air	Bike, walk the dog, play outside
5:00-6:00	Dinner :)	
6:00-8:00	Free TV time	Kids shower time
8:00	Bedtime	All kids
9:00pm	Bedtime	All kids who follow the daily schedule & don't fight

10 – 10.30am	Get Moving	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do something that gets your heart rate up • Have a quick snack and get a drink
10.30 – 11.30am	Learning Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choose an activity from the Learning Grid • If you want to talk to your teacher use Seesaw or Google Email
Morning tea		
12 - 1pm	Learning Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choose an activity from the Learning Grid • If you want to talk to your teacher use Seesaw or Google Email
Lunch		
2 – 3pm	Free Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore curiosity – things you are interested in • Explore creativity: make or create anything you want • Explore skills: practise a skill you have that you'd like to get better at • If you want to talk to your teacher use Seesaw or Google Email
Optional Activities		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play outside • Cooking/baking • Play a game with your family bubble • Watch learning channel on TV • Read / sing / dance • Help around the house

Teachers will be checking in/monitoring that you have new tasks available on sites such as Mathletics and Studyladder. Please feel free to add any 'work' completed relating to your distance learning to SeeSaw. Senior students will also be supported by teachers through their Google Apps for Education (GAFE) accounts.

SeeSaw and email will be used to communicate with parents. Please stay in touch and reach out if you need any support from us. Teachers will be available to answer questions and check up on learning sites from 9am-3pm.

A reminder that the Ministry of Education has provided a TV channel TVNZ2 +1 on Freeview 7 and Sky 502. They also have the website <https://learningfromhome.govt.nz/>

We want to thank you for supporting your child's learning from home

Regards

Peter Mulcahy

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 15 April – Term 2 starts / Learning Grid Week 1	Wednesday 22 April – Learning Grid Week 2
Saturday 25 April – ANZAC Day (Holiday Monday 27 April)	Thursday 30 April – BOT Meeting 6.30pm

SCHOOL EVENTS

The photos below (from the school CCTV) show a very empty school waiting for its lovely students to return.



SCHOOL NOTICES

PLAYGROUND

Please note that the school has signs at all entrances asking people to stay off site while we are in lockdown. The MOE have advised: **Schools are closed**

FOTS

FACEBOOK

Did you know we share a Facebook page with BBS? For news, photos, updates, and event information, go to: www.facebook.com/Browns-Bay-School-Friends-of-the-School-173302139385925/

N4L (Network 4 Learning)

Helping students stay safer online from home

As you know, children's online safety is important. At school, Network for Learning (N4L) helps keep your students safe from the bad side of the internet. During lockdown, the students' place of learning shifts to their home. So N4L has worked out a way to help parents keep their children safely connected at home.

FREE N4L safety filter for all students

We've set up a safety filter that parents can set up on their child's learning devices from home. Just go to switchonsafety.co.nz to find clear instructions on how to do this.

The free N4L safety filter (by global cyber-security leader, Akamai) blocks websites containing known cyber threats like phishing scams, malicious content and viruses, while also protecting children from content deemed the worst of the web (like adult sites).

It is an extension of one of the many safety and security services we have in place at schools and is a valuable layer of protection to help keep children safe online. Please remember that technology is not a silver bullet and the filter should be used in combination with Netsafe's [online parent safety toolkit](#).

How does it work?

Once a child's device is set up, all internet search requests will go through the safety filter which checks if the website they are trying to visit is safe before allowing access. If it's a website that's known to be unsafe, then it will be blocked. The safety filter is applied to the child's device, so parents' devices are not affected.



Any questions?

We have answered key questions at switchonsafety.co.nz/faqs alternatively please send any questions to help@n4l.co.nz.

What we need from you?

Please share the [attached](#) information with your parent community, so that they understand how they can apply a safety filter to their child's device and find links to additional online safety tips from the team at Netsafe.

switchonsafety.co.nz