



Dear whānau

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We are at the end of what is *Week 2 of Term 2* and we have all been learning so much from our Anywhere Learning Programme. Last night Cherie, Jarod and Clare shared with the Board of Trustees all the amazing mahi the teachers have put into their programmes and what came naturally out of the discussions was how proud they are of all our Birchville tamariki. The learning they have been doing and the learning you have been sharing with us has been amazing. Thank you for all the support you have given the teachers, to help your children access what has been prepared for them.



As we count down the days now to Level 3 and “takeaways”, let’s not forget how important it is to celebrate ANZAC day at home this year, in recognition of what past and present generations have done and are doing to protect Aotearoa. We now have a new army that has kept us safe against a virus and we celebrate all of our essential workers too.

Importantly, our kaiako will be taking a break over the long weekend. On Tuesday there is a **Teacher Only Day** where we will be meeting and planning for children in school whilst still maintaining our Anywhere Learning programmes. There will be no Zooms or Meets on Monday and Tuesday whilst teachers plan and those that are working in school from Wednesday will need to get set up in learning spaces. There are so many activities on our [Birchville Site](#) to choose from if you need any.

From later next week on your walks or trip to the shops, we will also allow whānau to come and pick up home resource packs to give your tamariki some photocopied resources, art activities and readers to supplement what they have at home. Please note all Covid-19 Level 3 protocols will apply. [Here is a copy](#) of our Level 3 protocols and planning we have been concentrating on over the last few days. Please wait to hear from us about when we will make these available.

Let’s hope that on May 11 we will be able to go down to Level 2 and start getting our tamariki back into school. This will not happen immediately on the 12th May, but we are hoping that by the end of May we will all be back learning at school.

Have a wonderful long weekend, stay safe, stay at home and stay sensible so that we can meet in person soon.

Aroha nui whānau

Robyn