

Kia Ora Whanau,

I am just touching base with you in this uncertain and difficult time. I thought I would share some ideas for homeschooling while in Lockdown level 4. These are only suggestions as I understand wifi, data, and device access is tricky during this time.

1. Have your child read to you and read with you. If there is a younger sibling, have them read to that child.
2. Spelling everyday words and eye spy is a good game for this. Again have the older child test the younger child.
3. When shopping if your child accompanies you, have them add up different items and see if they can get more and more numbers to add up.
4. Games like Monopoly will help with math and strategy and Scrabble will help with spelling.
5. Have your child write a daily diary so they can keep track of their daily events in lockdown, any feelings they may be having or activities they completed. These can be shared when we return to school or can just be kept for their documentation.
6. Involve your child in baking and cooking. Have them measure and mix etc. . They can record the recipe and send it to me later, if possible.
7. Cards and dice games are very good for strategy and mathematical thinking. Go Fish, Last card, Patience, etc. If you have more than one dice you can have them add, subtract, multiply and divide.
8. Learning timetables and basic facts together is very beneficial. your child can sing, clap and recite while exercising, etc.
9. If your child has a bike, have them ride around the garden or street (if safe.) Time them on your phone. This is the same for burpees, sit up, push-ups, running, etc.
- 10 Art and craft at this time is a great relaxer. Using newspaper to make paper boats, hats, and paper planes, etc, Origami and coloring in. They could go on a scavenger hunt around the property and create art with materials from nature.
- 11 Our topic is Wai and kai, so any knowledge you have of the Waikato River and/or Pukekohe Soil is important to pass onto your tamariki.

It is important that your child does some reading, writing, math, spelling, and exercise each day. Lots of fun activities, like quick quizzes, fun walks, and exercise with the whanau. I go with 30 minutes work and 10 minutes break. It is also a good time for your tamariki to learn about family traditions, genealogy and speak in Maori, or your own language if this is possible.

Your tamariki have a lot of knowledge and it's a good time to let them shine and also to learn from you. Life skills like cooking and even building and starting a fire (under supervision) are important. You as parents are fonts of knowledge, so go ahead and share with your kids. Keeping busy can keep the mind at ease in this stressful time.

I am here for you and you can contact me on my email [hbunning@pukekohenorth.school.nz](mailto:hbunning@pukekohenorth.school.nz) if you have any questions or would like some digital learning for your tamariki to complete. Please do not hesitate to contact me during this time :)

Kia Kaha arohanui!

**Nga Mihi / Kind Regards**  
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