

# Waimauku School Home Learning Parent Communication

Waimauku School teachers have been working hard behind the scenes to ensure that they are ready and prepared to deliver home learning opportunities for your child if school were to close for a period of time.

Home learning is different from remote learning because we recognise that a child's home is a powerful learning environment and a direct source of information. Home learning works best when teachers and family members work together to support continuous learning experiences.

Home learning can range from cooking with a parent, doing chores to help around the house, to doing an activity on fractions, to completing a research project. Our aim at Waimauku School is to provide families with some structure to their day.

If school is closed there will be a 2 day stand down period where teachers will be preparing themselves to connect with students through Home Learning platforms. After those 2 days you can expect your teacher to connect with you and students with a daily schedule of activities either through SeeSaw or Google Classroom.

## **Year 1 / 2 Home Learning**

Teachers will communicate with you via personal email or SeeSaw. Teachers will give you a daily task or challenge via SeeSaw. Parents please photograph your child's response to the task and post it on SeeSaw.

Reading - Poetry books will be sent home in the book bag along with basic sight words in their notebook

Epic Books - Teachers have created accounts for all the children in their class. You will receive an email link to give you access to the account at home. Please click on the link and enter the class code - Details in the reading diary.

Writing - It is important to write each day Teachers will give you ideas via SeeSaw.

Maths - All students have a Mathseeds login in their reading diary.

## **Year 3/ 4 Home Learning**

Students in Rooms 1-8 will be receiving their home learning tasks via SeeSaw. It is therefore crucial that you ensure that you have activated your home learning code. Over the coming days teachers will be asking you to help test that this remote access is working. This code allows students to log into their SeeSaw account at home to complete their activities. Please read and follow the instructions given to gain access. Parents will be able to see everything that is posted on SeeSaw for their own child and be involved in the process. Teachers will be able to comment on student learning. Teachers may contact you via email as an additional measure during a school closure.

## **Year 5-8 Home Learning**

Students of classes H1,H2,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,29 and 30 will access their Home Learning through Google Classroom which they can access through their Google drive and Google account. Teachers will be posting work daily and students will need to turn in assignments.

If we are working remotely and home learning is in place, please be aware that teachers will not be able to answer all online queries throughout the day, on demand. We will be setting aside a period of time (10am - 12 noon) each day to respond to messages and emails.

If you have any technical issues, in the first instance consult the information sent home and then contact your classroom teacher.

At present, teachers are preparing work for students that are currently at school and it is an unrealistic expectation for teachers to prepare for students that have chosen to stay at home as well. We thank you in advance for your understanding in this matter.

Yours Sincerely,

Gary Pasfield