



SAINT BERNADETTE'S SCHOOL

Loving our learning, Living our faith, Knowing our God

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Welcome to Term 2!

It feels so strange to write that and not be at school!

I know everyone will be doing what they can to cope in these strange times.

Please know that St Bernadette's School does not want you to feel pressured about learning at home.

The most important thing about learning is that it is fun and engaging. So that we all want to do more of it. We do not want you feeling pressured that you suddenly have to be teachers and turn your homes into schools.

That is not the case.

We know that great learning happens at home all the time. It doesn't have to be the same as the learning that happens at school. So we want to encourage you to do what ever works for your family. No one will be harmed from not doing formal learning. It would be more harmful to force learning and make it frustrating and painful.

Do what works for your family. Use your families strengths to make this a special time that you have together.

If you want some ideas we have a created a page of bubbles. You can choose to do as much or as little as you want from these. You might like to choose 1 or 2 a day but it is totally up to you. We will send you a new bubble page each Wednesday until we are back at school.

We have also ordered the Ministry of Education packs to be sent to each of our students. Once again - these are



totally optional. Use as much or as little as you want from these. Teachers will be calling you or using Seesaw to stay connected. We are happy for you to email any of us as well. I have contact with other support providers so if there is anything you are wanting help with please make contact.

Take care and stay safe in your bubbles.
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St. Bernadette's Bubbles of Fun!

- Help around the house. You could tidy something, set the table for dinner etc.
- Jack's beanstalk got cut down. Your challenge is to make it as high as you can, using only paper and sellotape. It's not allowed to touch the wall or furniture!
- Create a bookmark.
- Learn how to juggle. How many objects can you juggle? What types of items can you juggle?
- Learn a new skill. You could learn to knit, play an instrument, play hacky sack etc.
- Play cards...learn a new game. See how many times you can beat your parents.
- Have a technology free day. Think about what you could do instead. Reflect on how it went.
- Ask a grown up to help you set up 'Kapa Haka 4 Kids' with Matua Waitiri Poutawa on Facebook at 11am.
- Read your favourite book.
- Learn how to weave by using strips of paper. What else can you use to weave?
- Clean the car or a vehicle that needs it. Be sure to do the inside as well. Wipe down all the surfaces and vacuum the carpet.
- Imagine you are interviewing the Prime Minister. Write some questions you would like to ask her and have a family member pretend to be Jacinda and record their answers.
- Make paper hats. Wear your hats at dinner together.
- Play dress-ups with a grown up.
- Use some odd socks to create a puppet show for your family.
- Learn a song/dance/story from your family's culture and heritage. You could record it and send it to family members and/or your teacher.
- Write a card for someone who you love. Decorate it.
- Write a card to an essential worker you know. Thank them for what they are doing to help keep us all safe.
- Write a list of dreams for when you are an adult.
- Film a short movie with your whanau as the actors.
- Go for a walk or bike ride with your whanau. Remember social distancing from anyone who is not in your bubble.
- Invent a new recipe using only 4 ingredients.
- Use some odd socks to create a puppet show for your family.

How you do these activities are completely up to you and your whanau. Pick what works best. You may want to pick a couple each day to do. You might like to share your learning with the school, classmates and teacher. You could share it on Seesaw, the school facebook page, send your teacher an email or talk about it with your teacher when they ring you.