

Lockdown.....Rāhui..... April 2020

My dear little friends,

The learning for you all is very different for this month. It is a different experience for all of us too. Sometimes we get sick and we have to stay home to feel better and make sure that we don't spread the germs to our friends at school. The same thing happened at this time of pandemic, the month that New Zealand, along with the fellow people of the world went into lockdown-rāhui.

To help protect you, your whānau and friends at school, it was time to stay at home with your beautiful, loving and caring whānau. For a while we don't see each other and say hello, we didn't have a cuddle and have had fun with messy play together. This felt a bit sad, as all your Kaiako were missing seeing your smiling face each day and we missed learning about your new interest. I wonder what it is.

During the rāhui, you spend your days with your whānau. You were able to play with your toys when you wanted, you were able to have plentiful cuddles with Mum and Dad and read stories with your siblings. You were able to go for walks with your family around the local community. Did you spot Teddy bears sitting on the windows of houses when you walked past, or did you find any Easter eggs hanging down the trees?

All these things will have to wait until we see each other again. For now, enjoy this time home with mum and dad, brother and sister and make the most of it. Know that even if we did not see you each day, we still were thinking of you. We look forward to being with you and your friends again in the Manuka room.

Your Kaiako are so proud of you each and every day for being so good at home.

Aroha nui

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