

Morena whanau

Welcome to the world of the Bubble!

Day One- And would you look at that- The sun rose just like it did yesterday.

We are all pumped for Online Learning to see how it goes. It is trial and error, we are relying on your feedback/feedforward for this to be successful. We have two days to give it a go and then our kids are on their holidays.

Before we start, I want to stress a few very important points:

1. The most important point is to ensure your child is feeling safe. It will be a confusing time and a bit scary for our children. We want to provide your child with a familiar face, someone they (hopefully) will be happy to see. We want to keep children involved in the learning process but not at the expense of their safety and mental wellbeing.
2. Your calmness is vital.
3. If at any time you feel stressed, your child is getting frustrated or anyone is unsure, just stop. Breathe. Relax
4. This is an adventure, not the School of the 1840'
5. Play. Play. Play. Have fun with your children. Build a relationship for life. Create cool memories that they will share with their own children when they are adults. (OMGosh!)
6. Play. Play. Play. Get them off their devices and outside. This is not letting them do whatever; you are the adult and make sure you have boundaries for your child's play. Remember when playing, just don't bounce into another bubble. Do cool stuff. That's cool stuff children like to do!
7. Keep to routine- Bedtime is still bedtime, up at around the same time. Life still goes on. Teachers will be ready to roll at 9am. Keep doing what you'd normally do in the morning. Keep dinner the same. While life is a bit different, keep your routines which will show your child that life continues, even when faced with uncertainty.
8. The teachers will provide the learning which will be related to your child's learning goals. What we don't want to happen is that you start playing teacher. Generally, parents teach like they were taught. This will turn the kids off and cause problems for all. This will affect the quality of your relationship and as they are now in your bubble; our bubble has no room. Unlucky uce, you had options yesterday.
9. The key is to learn alongside your child. Make out like you don't know as well. Watch the learning again. Show vulnerability, it is a life long skill. An important part of the learning process is learning to fail- An intelligent failure. Families who have taken the time to do the Reading Together Programme or the Early Reading Together Programme will understand. If you haven't, please try to remember back when you were learning to read, write, do the math- If you are like me and have taken too many knocks to the head, it took like forever, like many many years. Your child needs time and you will not do it in a day. Enjoy your child, make sure they enjoy you.
10. Use the next four to five weeks to teach your child life skills/self-care skills- make their bed, making lunch, how to clean a shower, vacuum, know how to make you a coffee/cup of tea, how to cook, peel potatoes, make dinner... the list is endless. Just good old fashion skills for life
11. If at any time you are unsure, message your child's teacher. They are there for your child and you. Reach out, but remember, you can't touch me and I

can't touch you! Reminds me, have you seen the Neil Diamond video? I've attached it. Love this guy. Great songs. I use to play them to my class as a punishment way back in the day. I always had the best-behaved classes. Whoops, I digress. Sorry Kelvin.

12. I think 10 points is enough for now. But I really want to stress that points 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10 and Neil Diamond are the most important for you. The learning points are important for our teachers, it is what we get paid to do.

Did you read 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 10 again? Did you say, "You've got 12 points Adam you egg!"

The news said that what is going to keep us safe is common sense. Oh boy, we are in trouble!

Keep in our bubble whanau. It will save lives.

Be safe - ISOLATE (your bubble!)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sPLgsV_Ms3Q

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"Ma te mahi ngatahi, ka tu pakari te matauranga"

"Together, We Learn and Achieve"

Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi Engari, he toa takitini;

Success is not the work of one, but the work of many

Nga mihi

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