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Update for Parents, Whanau, Students and the Community Start of Term 2

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We hope this update finds you and your loved ones all well as we begin the Easter Weekend.

Starting Term Two as Te Aroha College Online School

We are looking forward to checking in with all students on Wednesday 15th April for the first day of Term Two as we officially begin online teaching and learning for everyone. Please remember that we are all on a learning curve - teachers, students and families - and we are trying our best to make sure that everyone has a good learning experience.

Checking in on Wednesday 15th April and Thursday 16th April

Our first task is to touch base with every student and confirm they are ready to start the term. We need all students to follow the instructions on getting in touch with your teachers through Wednesday and Thursday using your timetable as a guide.

Student instructions for Wednesday 15th April

1. Please go to Wednesday 1a's Google Classroom and check in with your teachers. Follow the instructions your teacher has given you. They will want to reinforce online guidelines including more information about their expectations for classwork. For example, class zoom meetings, activities, etc.
2. Check in with your other teachers for Wednesday through Google Classroom to say hello and to find out their expectations for the week.

Student instructions for Thursday 16th April

1. Go to your emails and join your form teacher's Google Classroom - then say hello! This is very important as your form teacher will be contacting you and your family during the school week to touch base with you and to make sure that everything is going okay!
2. Check in with your Thursday teachers through Google Classroom to say hello and to find out their expectations for the week.

Other information

- Form teachers will be checking in with students twice a week and with families once a week. Please expect a call or contact.
- If you have any concerns about a subject please contact the teacher involved and/or the Head of the Learning Area.
- If you have any general concerns please contact your student's Dean.
- If you need any technical support, your device is not working or you need help, please contact Mr Daroux on adarouz@tacol.nz
- Keeping well through this stressful time is important. Joseph Hartzenberg (jhartzenberg@tacol.nz) and Teresa McGivven are also available for advice and support at this time. teresa.mcGovern@pinnacle.health.nz or phone her on 0226810929

If you have any other concerns please email us and we will be happy to help. Finally have a great Easter with your bubble, stay safe and we look forward to touching base with you all on Wednesday 15th April.

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COVID-19 Update—06 April 2020

NCEA Students

If you are a senior student and have questions about assignments or work please email your class teachers as your first port of call.

Ministry of Education Update

We have included the Ministry of Education information below which has useful links and supports as we move towards online learning.

Online support for distance learning

The Ministry has launched its Learning From Home and Ki Te Ao Mārama websites which provide advice and resources to support parents, whānau and teachers. The websites will help early learning centres, schools and kura to develop online learning plans that they can share with their parents and whānau.

The Ministry has set up a Connected Learning Advisory help desk to assist leaders, teachers, kaiako and whānau to make full use of the online environments and resources, as they provide for a continuity of learning for their students and tamariki. CORE Education, which runs the helpdesk, will provide this and other online support from 8am to 5pm on business days.

- To contact the Helpdesk, call 0800 700 401. To speak with the Helpdesk in te reo Māori, call 0508 294 462
- The Helpdesk numbers are available on <https://learningfromhome.govt.nz/updates/helping-you-distance-learning> and <https://www.kauwhatareo.govt.nz/mi/news-holder/support-with-distance-learning-at-home/>

Support includes:

- **Technical advice** for teachers and whānau in response to their Helpdesk enquiries
- **Online support** to assist:
 - ♦ whānau to understand how to use the IT tools they have and how to engage safely in collaborative spaces
 - ♦ principals, leadership teams and teachers to select and use appropriate tools and strategies to communicate, maintain learning programmes effectively across their community, and manage online safety
- **Community liaison:** connecting early learning services/school/kura leaders and whānau with networks and resources.

Keep safe everyone.

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