



Whareama School

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Term 2, Week 10

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia Ora kotou katoa

It is great to be writing this newsletter and for life to kind of feel like it's returning to normal. Over the last two weeks I've been working in all of the classrooms and it is great to see how the kids are still working really hard, even though it's been a very different term. While there's been several weeks of home learning and a holiday thrown at the start, it has meant for some kids that they have not had a break as they normally would. This has also meant that we are getting towards the end of a 12 week term. We have 3 weeks of school left before the end of term and once the next break comes around it will be good to have a break that is out of the house and allows us to get around our region or country again. We have been revisiting the levels where kids are learning to see what a difference the home learning program has made or what impact it may have had on each child's development, it is great to see that this has been fairly minimal. If we have any concerns or issues with your children we would contact you, however we will be speaking about this during the learning discussions coming up next week. We encourage you to sit down with your child and discuss their Hero portal as you probably would with a written report. There is a slideshow that explains the 2020 Learning Report and the contents of it, but please do not hesitate to make contact with us if you are having any trouble with this. Have a great week and we will see you all next week.

Nga mihi

Darren Kerr



Life Education Van Visiting Whareama School

Sam and Harold are creating their programme for us as we speak and we look forward to having them at school next week. We will be sending more information home about the content that will be taught this time and we welcome your questions and how you can support this learning at home. Obviously the content varies with the age of the learner but we can tell you it is around healthy bodies and changing bodies.

Events Calendar

TERM 1:

Mon 15 th June	HERO portals go live
Weds 17 th June	Wheels Day
Mon/Tues 22 nd /23 rd June	Learning Discussions
Thur/Fri 25 th /26 th June	Life Ed Van at School
Fri 3 rd July.	Term 2 Ends



Learning Discussions – Monday/Tuesday 22nd and 23rd of June

Next week we will be having our learning discussions running over the two nights. We are booking your places online this year so please go to www.studentinterviews.co.nz, click on Make a Booking and use the event code 'guqzj' to book your place. This is used as a first in/first serve basis so please book in to get your preferred space. If you are booking for more than one child please make sure you leave a space between interviews rather than doing back to back. The interviews are for 15 minutes and while we do try to keep to time we do have the odd delay so please space them out a little bit. As normal we like to see the children come to these interviews as well so they can also hear what we are sharing, the great things they are doing and also the areas they need to develop. We will have a movie on in the library for students to watch while waiting for their interviews.

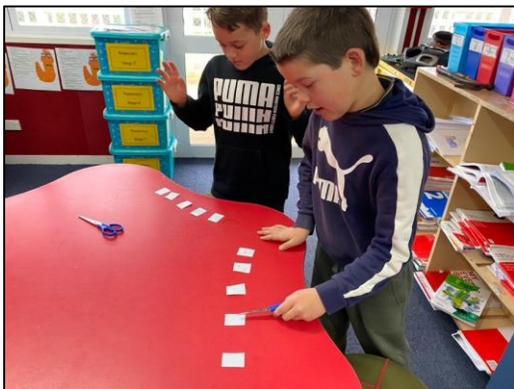
SPORTS ARE ON THEIR WAY BACK

It was great to see football for kids start again this weekend and also to see some live sport on TV with the Super Rugby Aotearoa starting in the weekend. Hopefully all kids sport will be kicking in over the next few weeks and it will definitely will be all on at the start of term three. Please remember to let us know if you want your child involved with sport through the newsletter that came home from Mrs Tiley last week.

CANCELLATIONS DUE TO COVID

Unfortunately, there have been a few events cancelled due to Covid 19, these include:

- Rural Schools Cross country
- Masterton/Wairarapa Cross Country
- Year 7/8 Rural Kids programme
- REAP House student courses



HERO LEARNING PORTALS

This evening we will be opening up the student learning portals on Hero. This will be the live reporting base that we use to report on your student's learning and achievement continually throughout the year. Please look at the instructions on the next page on how to access your student's portal if you have not done so already. We will be able to help you at your child's learning discussions next week if you haven't managed to get on before then. It would be good if you could attempt to do this before the conference so we can help work through the portal with you on the day.



Design Technology – Y7/8

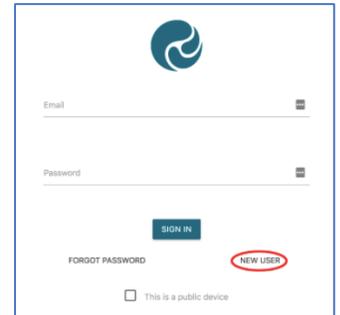
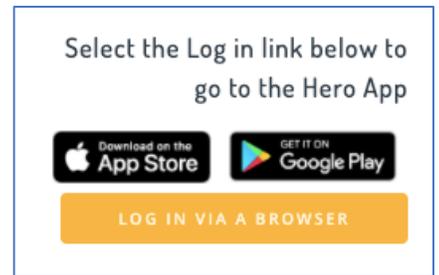
Design Technology has 2 more weeks and it was great to hear from Mrs Martin that everyone is doing a great job at Design Tech and showing RURAL values while working there.



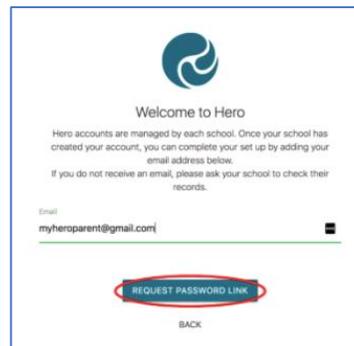
How to Access your child's Hero learning page

Follow this link for instructions online: <https://www.linc-ed.com/parents/>

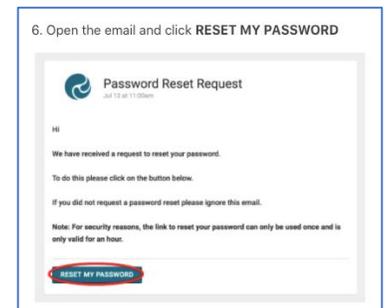
1. You can download the Hero by Linc-Ed App or alternatively, access via an Internet Browser. These instructions are if you are accessing via an internet browser and are the same for when you download the app. Use the link above for internet browser access.
2. Select "New User"
3. Your account will be set up by your school using the email address that you provided when you enrolled your children, use this address to request a password.



4. Add your email address
5. Select the "Request Password Link"



6. Check your email
7. Hero will send you an email with a link to follow. Check your spam folder if it does not appear (or check you updated us with your most recent email address)
8. Follow the link



9. This will take you to a secure page to enter you chosen password.

The first screenshot shows the 'Reset Password' page. It features the Hero logo at the top, followed by the text 'Reset Password' and 'Set your Hero Account password.' Below this are two password input fields: 'New Password' and 'Verify New Password', each with a strength indicator icon. At the bottom, there is a red 'SET PASSWORD' button and a 'BACK' link.

The second screenshot shows the sign-in page. It features the Hero logo at the top, followed by an 'Email' input field containing 'myheroparent@gmail.com' and a 'Password' input field. A red circle highlights the 'SIGN IN' button. Below the sign-in button are links for 'FORGOT PASSWORD' and 'NEW USER', and a checkbox labeled 'This is a public device'.

10. If you have problems logging in, please check with us at school to make sure we have the correct details for you.

The screenshot shows the 'Welcome to Hero' page. It features the Hero logo at the top, followed by the text 'Welcome to Hero'. Below this is a paragraph explaining that Hero accounts are managed by each school and that users can complete their set up by adding their email address. A dark teal box contains a checkmark and the text: 'Please check your email to verify your request. Depending on your email provider it may take up to 15 minutes to arrive.' At the bottom, there is a 'BACK' link.

These are the details on how to navigate around your page once you have gained access. Remember we will be able to help you with this at our learning discussions if you have had trouble accessing your child's page.

<https://linc-ed-hero.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/360026349934-Logging-into-Hero-Information-for-Parents>