## RED LEVEL LOWDOWN

29 MARCH 2022



Dear Students, Families, Friends and Caregivers,

It has been encouraging to see Auckland case numbers decreasing and that is very exciting for us at the Acivity Centre as we look forward to being able to do more, offer more and connect more in person with everyone. We especially look forward to the day when we can have one big bubble together again. Any move in this direction will be slow and gradual and dependant on advice and decisions from the Government and Ministry of Social Development. While it is exciting, we also know that it can be a bit scary for others who might have gotten used to a new routine or feeling of safety within their current situation. Some students are really enjoying and thriving in the smaller quieter community bubble environment and it will be very unsettling to be all together in all the noise and exhuberance of one bubble when this happens. It can also be hard not knowing exactly "when" things will be able to change. Such a common question we get asked is "when" will we go back to normal? When can I see my friends again?

A helpful thing to try during times of change and uncertainty is to incorporate some relaxation into the daily routine. What is relaxing for each person can differ greatly! It could be baking, art, going for a walk, doing a wordfind, listening to a relaxation track, watching a movie, doing some yoga or stretching, or listening to music. We encourage you all to think about and make sure you do something that <u>you</u> find relaxing everyday. Check out this great video where people with disabilities talk about how they relax - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2lxdFNdajyw

Exciting news, this week we are getting Lance our gym instructor from the Olympic Gym coming in to run exercise sessions in the Ranfurly Garden! This is a great outdoor safe location to get up a sweat and keep fit. Lance is very passionate about helping our students to have fun and motivated to be healthy.

We are begining to take steps to returning to our volunteer work at Geoffs emporium. Wendy will be taking some students for a trial return next week to review and assess how this goes.

The Activity Centre is currently in easter mode with easter cards and other easter crafts underway which is lots of fun. Time to break out the hot cross buns and chocolates!

This week we are also enjoying the Oscar awards ceremony and Rachel and Carol have been critiquing the Oscar runway fashions!

A warm welcome back to Mark M who has returned to the Activity Centre again for a visit. It's lovely for students to gradually be able to return and begin to transition back into the Activity Centre again as numbers, spacing and safety allows.

From the Activity Centre Crew :-)





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ZITHER BONGO DRUMS PAN PIPE **PICCOLO** CORNET HARMONICA CLARINET RECORDER **TROMBONE GUITAR SAXOPHONE OBOE** OCARINA FIDDLE **BAZOOKA BAGPIPE SNARE FLUTE** VIOLA



