

# SEFTON SCHOOL



Dear parents, caregivers and whanau

I am sure you are awaiting the news from the Prime Minister today as much as I am. There has been much speculation about this over the last few days but rest assured as soon as we know the implications for school we will let you know. Suffice it to say schooling will be markedly different for the near future as we continue to provide students with online learning programmes.

It has been interesting hearing from the teaching staff about all the different activities that the students are up to, so as we head into week 2 keep up the great work you are doing with your children.

With any form of online activity it is vitally important to consider the safety of your children as they use their devices, whether for learning, gaming, browsing or communicating. At school Network for Learning (N4L) helps keep the students safe from some of the bad side of the internet by providing filtering of the school's network. During the lockdown this may be absent from the home learning situation so N4L has worked out a way to help parents keep their children safely connected at home.

N4L have set up a safety filter that parents can set up on their child's learning device at home. Just go to [switchonsafety.co.nz](http://switchonsafety.co.nz) to find clear instructions on how to do this.

The free N4L safety filter blocks websites containing known threats like phishing scams, malicious content and viruses, while protecting children from content deemed to be unsuitable for children. However the best filter is still parental control and working with your children as they explore the web.

I hope you have been able to access the Ministry of Education website that has a vast array of information and educational learning materials for parents, students and teachers to assist with Learning at Home. The Learning at Home web site can be found at:

<https://learningfromhome.govt.nz/> and I encourage you to have a look and see what activities you can do with your children yourselves.

This week explore the Genesis-school-gen section. There are some really cool science experiments to do with your children. One of my favourites is the Rubber Egg.

Email: [MrH@sefton.school.nz](mailto:MrH@sefton.school.nz) with a picture of an experiment you do. All pictures go in for a prize when we return to school.

Please continue to stay safe during the next week. The priority is still to stay safe in your bubble. Please take care of yourself and your children before anything else.

I look forward to seeing some of the work that the children work on.

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Principal

Recommended site: <https://epro8challenge.co.nz/electronics-simulator>

This website is part of the ePro8 Challenge that children in Rms 4 and 5 take part in each year and serves as a simulator for some of the electrical components that they use in their creations.