

Kia ora Dear Chelsea Children, Parents and Whanau!

Hello dear friends! How are you doing??? How is level three going for you?

As I type this to you I am sitting on my couch at home looking out onto a stunning blue sky. I can hear the Tui's singing and also the low sounds of traffic! It is a lot noisier under level three! I must say I really loved the deep quiet I've enjoyed here in the country in level four and I wonder if I will see so many people out walking along the highway later when I drive to see my horse? I live with horses here but I choose to keep him just ten minutes drive away at a place where he can have a paddock all to himself-horses do tend to kick each other when they live in herds, and thats whats available here on the North Shore Riding Club where I live.

So! Jo, Clare, Chris and I piled into Kindy on Tuesday this week for the start of our level three adventure! I think its fair to say were all so happy and excited to see each other and be back at Kindy! We were pleased to discover the plants had mostly survived and we only lost a couple of ferns to lack of water! The grass has grown where only bald brown earth was before, testament to the wee bit of rain we've had over the last month. It felt like there were e-mails flying in every five minutes with the latest cleaning chart or special policy and procedure for covid 19 precautions. Cleaning charts were printed out, detailed health and safety forms were comprehensively completed, and before we knew it, it was lunch time! Ha ha!

This week we welcomed three children (and their families at the gate) back to Kindy and enjoyed seeing a few of you through the fence! We have loved the week and along with supporting the children in their learning we have used our time and resources well making significant inroads on getting some admin done, started sorting out our book collection and the

storeroom, and tiding up the garden! Today a few metres of cushion fall chips will arrive and be spread over our bark area. So when you all come back to play the place should be sparkling and ship shape! Last week I dreamt that we were having a huge welcome back party and there were people everywhere sitting around enjoying a shared picnic and Tom Sainsbury was the entertainment (Comedian snap chat guy on FB-hilarious-Gingerbread the cat is a total crack up!) So funny! Sadly I don't think we will be having any big parties for a little while-but the day will come-and when it does don't you worry-we will make sure it's totally FABULOUS!!!!!

Please keep posting on Storypark, we love seeing what you are doing at home. This week we even had someone read to us! Thanks Emily for your awesome story reading-so fantastic!!! We can't wait to see you all again and have Kindy life back to normal-it will happen, and I'm sure it won't be too far away! In the mean time we are all doing a great job of knocking this virus on the head! YEY!

OK dear ones! I think its time I had breakfast and headed into my Saturday! Wishing you a wonderful weekend, Lots of love

Julie 2/5/20

PS/ After work on Tuesday I thought I would swing in to McDonalds in Glenfield to pick up some hot chips! OMG! I soon changed my mind when I saw the massive queue, and later I made my own home made Kumara chips! Yum! Might be my new thing! ;-) Oh and I have also been feasting on the wild mushrooms that are sprouting up over the farm at the moment! xoxox



## Anita Hedges (Jono)

So lovely to hear from you Julie! We miss you all so much! Xx

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## Marie Greenbank (Jack )

Thanks Julie. All parents I think are hanging out for Kindy to start again...and especially the children! But like you, I think everyone is also sorry the world is trying to speed up again and lose that deep peace.

Carpe Diem xx

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## Julie Schooler (Eloise)

Be careful eating those wild mushrooms, lol!

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## Julie KIllick

ha ha ha they were definitely the safe mushrooms Jules!