

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Today is the fourth week of Term 2 for Pokeno School. We hope that you are all keeping well and are enjoying your time with your children.

Ruru Whanau will update our Learning from Home page on Tuesday. This can be accessed by visiting the Pokeno School website or by clicking this [link](#). Ruru Whanau teachers love seeing what the children have been doing. You are welcome to send photos to your child's teacher for them to share on their classroom page on our school website. Click on this [link](#).

This week we are continuing to focus on the upcoming Mother's Day on the 10th of May and have added some activities to our Learning from Home workshop. We have also added some exciting art ideas, fun weekly challenges and learning through play ideas.

Mother's Day

Weekly Challenge

For the next week we are setting the following challenge for Ruru Learners:

- **Chalk Obstacle Course**

Create a chalk obstacle course on your driveway or footpath outside your house. Draw one for yourself or for all the neighbourhood kids who are taking walks. Include hops, jumps, crawling or leap frogs. Make sure your instructions are clear so the kids know what they are doing. Send a photo to your teacher.



- **Milk Bottle Challenge**

We know how creative you all are and challenge you to make something out of a plastic milk bottle. All you need is a pair of scissors, a plastic bottle and some markers. Send a photo to your teacher.



Learning through play

Young children learn best through play based activities. Here are Ruru's suggestions:

- **Playdough**
Make playdough together with your family with this recipe- [Playdough recipe](#). Create your best playdough animal and send a photo to your teacher.
- **Recyclable Creation**
Grab a cardboard box or any recyclables that you have. Use these to create a recyclable creation. It could be a robot, a plane or a skyscraper! Get creative and share your learning with your teacher.
- **Jelly Wobble**
Make some jelly. Let it set and then move it onto a plate. Touch the jelly. What does it feel like? How does it move? What does it taste like? Write a story about your ideas.

Well-being tip

It is important during Level 3 that we take time to relax and essentially look after ourselves. Sometimes we can feel frustrated and tense. In our Ruru Learning From Home workshop we have suggested Bunny Breathing as a technique to help you to relax.



Physical activity is also good for your health and wellbeing. In our Ruru Learning From Home workshop we have suggested that you set up a circuit and spend one to two minutes on each activity. Here are some ideas:





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You are welcome to share your child's learning with their teacher, we love seeing what they have been up to.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Nga mihi maioha,

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