

The World Went ZOOM



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**It was weird that time
When we stayed in line
When the cars didn't move
And the people lost their groove**



**It was weird when we stayed home,
And skyped and ZOOMED and used the 'phone.
And most of us felt like shirkers,
But Easter Bunny and the tooth fairy were
considered "essential workers".**



[Easter Bunny and Tooth Fairy Deemed 'Essential Workers' in New Zealand](#)

The New York Times

**It was weird when we stayed indoors,
And mopped and polished endless floors.
And baked and gardened and cleaned the house,
Scared of town like a timid field mouse.**



**It was weird that time when we went online,
And we messaged and snap chatted all the time.
And we couldn't meet to talk or to walk or to
drink,
And COVID-19 was all we could think.**



**It was weird to see queues at the local store,
And to see people filling trolleys with more and
more.**

**“Shop normally” said the adverts on tv,
400 100 rolls IS normal for me! (yeah right)**



Why is everyone buying toilet paper ...

**It was weird the schools closed,
Did the school work get done, who knows?
But the kids had some fun,
And some extra time with mum.**



**It was weird that dad had to stay home too,
I quite liked it, I don't know about you?
We played huts and cards and did some sport,
We never knew dad was such a good sort.**



**It was weird to miss sport, no more cricket or
rugby,
And not having a haircut meant we looked quite
ugly.
I missed my friends, I missed the bus,
But Jacinda was just taking care of us!**



**The nasty bug had run the world over,
With the strength and power of a supernova.
But people quite like getting up later,
And hopping on line to read the paper.**



**And adults got totally into zoom,
The company's shares went positively boom.
But there was concern about security,
And people spying on you and me.**



**It was weird when people only got dressed from
the waist up,
And wore their jarmies and clutched a cup.
To do their work via conference calls,
Whilst sitting bra-less in their smalls.**



A Very Bad Hair Day

**It was weird when the world just stopped like
that,
Not even time to warn the cat.
Just stay home 'til the Covid's beaten,
And all the emergency chocolate's eaten.**



**It was weird in a bad and good way,
25th March- NZ Lockdown Day.
We lost a lot but not forever,
Because NZ Government was quite clever.**



**Go hard, go early, let's not get caught short
The whole world at home now, who would have
thought.
People would just do as they are asked,
Until the nasty COVID bug threat has passed.**



**In years to come when COVID is mentioned,
We will remember the well intentioned.
Who staffed our hospitals and sold our food,
Even when people were rather rude.**



**We will remember the on-line learning and the
long playtimes too,
We'll remember time with mum and dad and the
rest of the crew.
We'll remember who was in our bubble,
And we won't forget who caused most trouble!**



Hopefully we'll be grateful that we all stayed home,

And were strongly when told not to roam.

Because we did as we were told,

We should all get the chance to grow old.



Related activities:

HISTORY

In 1982, a group called Fat Larry's Band released a song called zoom. There is no way they knew that as the world shut down, ZOOM and other internet functions would keep people connected: <https://youtu.be/DMo6Ju8SJ8o>

The world has changed a lot since then. A band probably wouldn't be able to call themselves 'fat' anything because it would offend someone!

Imagine you could zoom forward 40 years:

- What would the world be like?
- What would have been invented that we don't have now?
- What would it take to shut down the whole world 40 years from now?
- If you were to zoom forward, how would you travel? Check out the clip from this 80s movie that is about time travel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zzHoWtI3ONM>
- Ask your mum and dad and your grandparents about what life was like when they were your age. What was the biggest threat to the world when they were growing up?

ENGLISH

Letter to your future me:

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/life-style/life/100324364/dear-future-me-writing-a-letter-to-yourself-may-help-those-resolutions-stick>

We asked a group of prominent Kiwis to write letters to their future selves, a year down the line, to detail their goals, dreams and words of wisdom on how they are going to achieve them.

If you had to write a letter to your future me, what would it say?



If the current world leaders had to write a letter to their own children explaining what had happened when the world stayed home in 2020, what might the letter say?



SCIENCE

Pandemic prediction:

Hindsight is wonderful thing. Several years ago scientists and academics predicted the world would not cope with a big flu-style outbreak:

A summit 12 years ago aiming to predict Australia's biggest threats in 2020 identified a 'flu pandemic' that could jump the species barrier - years before deadly coronavirus outbreak. Griffith University vaccines expert Michael Good has revealed the Australia 2020 summit held in Canberra 12 years ago hardly discussed the threat of coronavirus despite a recent SARS outbreak.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-8190757/How-Australias-2020-Summit-2008-focused-mosquito-illnesses-bird-flu-instead-coronavirus.html?ito=email_share_article-masthead

In 2015 Bill Gates even went as far as to detail what was needed then to get ready for what we face now in 2020:

The next outbreak? We're not ready (Bill Gates | TED2015)

https://www.ted.com/talks/bill_gates_the_next_outbreak_we_re_not_ready?utm_source=tedcomshare&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=tedsread

One major reason why COVID-19 has caused such devastation is that there is no vaccine currently.



Scientists and researchers are working hard to make one.

Find out about:

- **How a vaccine is made**
- **How a vaccine is tested**
- **How long it takes before a product is deemed safe to be used on humans**

http://www.pkids.org/immunizations/how_they_work.html

The other reason COVID-19 spread so widely is that many people travel very freely these days



Find out:

- **How many international flights occur every day**
- **What are 'travel hubs'? Where are the largest 'travel hubs' in the world located?**
- **Many countries have land rather than sea borders. Why does this make it hard to stop the spread of a virus?**
- **Why are cruise ships particularly vulnerable to mass illness?**

Whilst basic hygiene is known to help (washing hands, coughing into arms etc), the other unknown with COVID-19 has been the use of face masks to limit the spread of infection.

<https://www.factcheck.org/2020/04/covid-19-face-mask-advice-explained/>



Find out:

- **What evidence there is for use of face masks versus not using them**
- **Which face masks offer the best protection**
- **What innovation has occurred with people using commonly available protection to try to keep themselves safe**

Design and make your own face mask prototype out of things you have in your house:

- **What material did you choose? Why?**
- **How well do you think it will work?**
- **How silly does it look? Would you wear it in public?**

Here are some ideas to get you inspired:



- **Which one do you like best? Why?**
- **Which one do you think will work best? Why?**

ART/DESIGN:

Design a work-wear / school-wear onesie, perfect to roll out of bed and join a skype call. You might want to add a nice hat to hide the bad hair....

