

Friday 24 April 2020

Kia ora Parents and Caregivers

SCHOOL OPENING AT LOCKDOWN LEVEL 3

Thank you to everyone who has made contact with the school. We really appreciate that the majority of you are able to keep your children at home, as this will keep the pupil numbers at school low and manageable. The group of children who are coming to school will be well looked after and we will keep the school day as normal as possible. All families should have been contacted, so if you haven't replied as yet, please can you let your child's teacher know as soon as possible if you are able to keep your child at home under Level 3.

Here is the overview while we are at Alert Level 3.

Tuesday 28th April Teacher Only Day

There will be no online instruction next Tuesday as teachers' review and prepare their online programmes, have team meetings and we organize the school for opening on Wednesday 29 April.

Wednesday 29 April onwards and for the duration of Level 3

Online Learning

All class teachers will be teaching their classes online and will not be required to supervise at school at any time during Level 3. Students working at home will continue to work online as normal.

Our In-school Classes

Sonia Saluni and Avalon Smith-Johnson will supervise the "in-school" class next week. The children attending will be split into two small groups and work in Rooms 5 and 6. Family members will be kept together in these bubbles. Theresa Ready, some of our Teacher Aides and I are also available to assist. The children will all be doing their own class online learning as well as going out for fitness, games and watching the TV school lessons. The Level 3 Social Distancing guidelines will be adhered to at all times.

General

- The library and playground equipment has to remain closed under Level 3.
- Children can bring their own games and devices and we will provide a set amount of PE equipment for the children to use at break times.
- No scooters or skateboards are allowed to eliminate injury and bubble bursting.
- As usual, regular hand hygiene will be followed at all times.
- Please can the children coming to school bring their own named drink bottle as the school fountains will be turned off.
- If your child is unwell, no matter how slight this is, please do not send them into school. If your child becomes unwell at school, parents will be notified immediately and you will need to collect them as soon as possible.
- Please come to the office, use the hand sanitizer, sign in and wait for assistance.

Further information

We are aiming to keep the staff and pupil numbers at school at Level 3 as low as possible. Therefore, we ask that **unless it is an emergency**, if your child is learning at home this is where they are to stay for the duration of Level 3.

The Prime Minister will announce if we are moving to Alert Level 2 on Monday 11 May so hopefully Level 3 will only last for a couple of weeks from next Wednesday.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I would like to thank all the school staff who have been working long hours throughout and to all the parents who have been supporting your tamariki at home. Our school community is amazing and we will get through this challenging time as calmly and positively as we can.

More information will come out with the newsletter next week, until then stay safe and let's collectively take some time to reflect the significance of ANZAC day as we remember the service personnel lost serving their country.

Ngā mihi nui

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Bryce Coleman', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Bryce Coleman
Principal