



COVID - 19 UPDATE

23rd March 2020

School is closed to all students except those with parents in essential services.

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This afternoon the Prime Minister announced that we have moved to Level 3 as a nation, effective immediately. (<http://bit.do/Level-3-announcement>)

We will have 48 hours to transition to Level 4. The nation will be at level 4 for a minimum of 4 weeks.

What this means for Newstead Model Country School is the following:

- **School will be closed to all students from tomorrow morning except those children of workers in essential services.** If you are an essential worker as approved by the government and you need to send your child to school tomorrow, please email office@newstead.school.nz as soon as possible.
- **The school will close to all students from midnight on Wednesday.**
- **The school bus will operate on Tuesday but not on Wednesday.**

Your child's teacher will contact you about the 'At Home' programme.

Please keep checking our website, facebook and seesaw for updates.

Over the next few weeks, it's important that you remain calm around your children. There is a quote ... "your child won't remember what they learnt during coronavirus but they will remember if they felt loved and safe". While it's important that children keep up with their learning over the next few weeks, it is also important that they have a relative sense of normality and that they feel everything is going to be alright.

Thank you for your support to date and we will be in touch soon.

Drew Campbell - Principal