



COVID - 19 UPDATE

20th April 2020

Dear Parents and Whanau,

I hope the second week of term has started well for all of you. I've really enjoyed going on Seesaw and seeing the great work being done by the kids.

As you will know, today the Government decided that we will move into Alert Level 3 on 28 April. That means we will be open to receive students from the **29 April** (there is a national Teacher Only Day on 28th to give schools time to set up for learning). We will start to prepare our site from tomorrow.

The key message for you is that if you can, you should keep your child at home. **You should only physically send your child to school if you need to.** If your child has a health condition that means they are at a greater risk of a severe illness you must keep them at home. If your child is sick please also ensure you keep them at home.

In order to ensure the safety of those children and our staff who do come to school, we will be operating with strict enforcement of health and safety measures.

We are expecting the vast majority of our students to continue with their Distance Learning programme at home during Alert Level 3.

The Ministry of Education requires the school to keep a roll of students who will be attending school during Level 3. Please fill out this [survey](#) by **12.00 pm Wednesday 22nd April** to indicate whether your child/ren will be continuing with Distance Learning at home or if they will be learning on-site at school. You will note that this survey is only for **Wednesday 29th April, Thursday 30th April and Friday 1st May**. This is acknowledging that families' situations change a lot at the moment. A further survey for the following week will be sent out at a later date. If we do not receive your survey form,

we will assume your child/ren will be continuing with their Distance Learning Programme at home. We will not be allowed to accept any students 'just turning up on the day'.

The Ministry of Education has advised that they are working closely with health authorities to develop clear guidance that will support schools to safely re-open their premises to students and staff. This will help us work through the public health requirements that we all need to meet. As you will be doing, we want to be sure that what we do will keep our community as safe as possible.

For now, we will continue to support your child's learning by distance while we progress our planning for what Alert Level 3 will mean for you and for our school. We will be in touch again soon with more information. As you have been doing, please keep connecting with your teachers or with me with any questions you might have.

Keep safe and be kind to one another.

Ngā mihi

Drew Campbell - Principal