



COVID - 19 UPDATE

27th April 2020

Dear Parents and Whanau,

I hope you're all enjoying the long weekend as we remember those who sacrificed for our freedom. It's been really great to see and hear about all the creations our children have made to commemorate ANZAC Day. Sacrifice and freedom are two concepts that are talked about a lot at the moment.

Thank you to everyone who filled out the survey last week around continuing with Distance Learning from home or learning on-site during Level 3. Like most schools in New Zealand, **the vast majority of our students will be continuing with the Distance Learning programmes that have been in place for a few weeks now.** Those students who are learning at school (because their parents have to work away from home and cannot access alternative care) will continue with their Distance learning programme. **Nikki Woodland-Douglas, Judi Scrimgeour and June Malcolm will share responsibility for their supervision at school while continuing to run their own Class Distance Learning programme during Level 3.**

Both Chrissy Weare and I will work out of the Administration area. Please note, that there are still significant restrictive practices in place at schools over Level 3. The school is still closed to anybody who is not on our Contact Tracing Register. This includes the office being closed to any visitors including parents.

A survey will go out later this week to find out which children are attending school for the next few weeks. Parents will be asked to fill this out **ONLY** if they are sending their children to school. A reminder that the expectation from the Government remains that parents only send their children to school if they have to work away from home and they cannot find alternative care.

I have included some useful information for parents from the Ministry of Education relating to Level 3. You will find it [here](#).

We have already started planning for life at school under Level 2. This also includes looking at practical ways we can help those who are 'doing it tough' in our school community.

Keep safe and be kind to one another.

Ngā mihi

Drew Campbell - Principal