



## COVID - 19 UPDATE 11th May 2020

Dear Parents and Whanau,

This afternoon the Prime Minister announced the nation's move to Alert Level 2 on midnight Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> of May. However, it is important to be aware that **Newstead Model Country School will not be open for instruction until Monday 18 May** (this is required of all schools). **This means children cannot come to school on Thursday 14th May or Friday 15th May unless they have already registered as a Level 3 'On-site' student with the school.** These two days will be designated Teacher Only Days so there will be no Distance Learning programmes running either. I am aware many of you will be required back at work under Alert Level 2 and will require care for your children. Under Alert Level 2, bubbles no longer exist so it is possible to approach relatives, friends and neighbours to look after your children for the last two days of Alert Level 3. It is essential teachers and support staff have the time to prepare the school for operations under Alert Level 2 and this will not be possible with large numbers of students on site. If you have no other options please register with the school by Tuesday 12/5, 4PM. Please email me at [principal@newstead.school.nz](mailto:principal@newstead.school.nz) .

A further update on life at school under Level 2 along with a survey re - attendance at Level 2 will be out tomorrow.

Keep safe and be kind to one another.

Ngā mihi

Drew Campbell - Principal