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Whāia te ara tika / Follow the right path

COVID-19 Update Term 3 # Two: ALERT LEVEL 4 Lockdown Continues

Monday 23 August 2021

Kia Ora, Mālō ē lelei, Talofa lava, Kia Orāna, Kamusta, Salam

School closed

I think we had all anticipated a further extension of Alert Level 4 and the Prime Minister has confirmed this. The Alert Level will be reviewed on Friday afternoon, but for now, Alert Level 4 will remain in place for Auckland until next week, Tuesday 31 August.

Alert Level 4 also means our School playground is closed to all people.

It's really cool to see Alert Level 4 having its impact on the number of confirmed cases, with numbers not dramatically increasing as they would likely have done if we had been at a lower Alert Level.

Distance Learning (DL)

- Thank you for taking the harmful Delta strain seriously. Thank you for your patience as we organise the co-ordination of safely accessing devices, distributing devices and/or Learning Packs for your child.
- Thank you for being in contact with your child's teacher and the mahi done already over the past days. Loving the photos, email messages and news shared by our awesome teachers who are working smart for your child(ren) at this time.
- My thanks to our awesome Team, our organisation process starts tomorrow Tuesday 24 August. All going to plan, we'll be in contact with you on Wednesday 25 August about our specific procedures for safe staggered timings for the distribution of devices/learning packs.

Whāia te ara tika! IMPORTANT: our instructions from the Ministry and Government is that, only in very limited circumstances can we allow staff, parents/caregivers to come to School. So please do not come to School unless you have been individually contacted by us to do so. Otherwise, you will be in breach of the COVID-19 Health Response Order. Let's all keep safe and beat this virus!

Helpful learning links again:

- If you do not have access to the Internet or a device to access your child's Class Site, but you do have a TV, see learning support from: <https://www.tvnz.co.nz/shows/home-learning-tv>
- From the Internet: <https://learningfromhome.govt.nz>
- Māori Medium: <https://www.kauwhatareo.govt.nz/en/resource/ki-te-ao-marama/nau-mai-haere-mai/>
- Mauri reo Mauri ora: <https://www.maoritelevision.com/shows/mauri-reo-mauri-ora-kura-tuatahi>



Welfare support & contact numbers

We have supplied some helpful community contacts to your child's Team Leader and teacher. We know some families in our community may be finding it difficult to access food and essential items.

Please see the [School website](#) (click on the 'Newsletter' section) for the 'Welfare Support Contacts' and our [Facebook page](#) for NGO support contacts numbers.

Good and bad information

Passing on good information is more helpful. There are helpful good read on www.spinoff.co.nz in the COVID section by Dr Siouxsie Wiles and Toby Morris about misinformation and disinformation ☺

Bad information will:

- downplay COVID-19 and the pandemic
- focus on survival rate
- ignore long COVID
- emphasise individual freedom
- try to sell you something
- push simple cures/treatments
- make you feel fearful or angry.

We've done this before & we can do it again ☺ Kaitiakitanga - doing our part to protect whānau and our community from COVID-19

- Everyone must continue to stay home in their bubble
- Do not mix with other household bubbles – if they have COVID-19, it can easily spread to your household, and every other household they and you are connecting with
- As new cases are identified, please keep checking the new 'locations of interest' online. You can search by your location and they are sorted by date, so you only need to check the locations which have been added when you last checked
- Wash your hands regularly, especially when you have been out in public
- Stay home if you are feeling unwell and seek advice about whether you need to get a test
- Wear a face covering when out and about, and you **MUST** wear a face covering in any businesses or services which are open at Alert Level 4 (unless you have specifically been allowed not to do so, which includes anyone aged under 12)
- Keep a 2 metre distance from people outside your household bubble
- Check-in using the [NZ COVID Tracer App](#) wherever you go or keep a manual record (a reminder the App only stores information on your own phone – no one else will know who it is that checked-in, or when)

You can go to the [COVID19.govt.nz](https://www.covid19.govt.nz) website for more information about Alert Level 4.

Our focus as always will be to support the learning, safety and wellbeing of our tamariki and we continue to be here to support you as well.

Please let us know or your child's teacher know, if you have any concerns or questions and how we can support.

Stay safe. Be kind ☺
Mauri Ora,

Dr Deanna Johnston
Principal | Tumuaki

