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COVID-19 Update #5: Alert Level 3 Wednesday 22 September

Monday | Rāhina 20 September 2021

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

The Prime Minister announced this afternoon that Auckland will shift to Alert Level 3 at 11:59 pm tomorrow, Tuesday 21 September, for two weeks. Until then, we remain at Alert Level 4. Bubbles remain in place and must be small and exclusive. Keep your whānau safe. The Ministry have announced that the last day of this term remains as Friday 1 October.

School Access at Alert Level 3

- As the PM said this afternoon, Schools remain broadly speaking, *closed*.
- Students should only be going to School if their parents/caregivers must go to work and have no other option.
- There will be minimal staff at School; all other staff will be working from home.
- Our playgrounds are closed.

Distance learning at Alert Level 3

- Your child will continue on with their Distance Learning (DL) programmes, as they have in the past weeks.
- From this Wednesday, for only the few students who we now know must come to School because their parents/caregivers are working, distance learning will continue at School, but under strict rules of organisation and safety.
- It will not be School as usual. For the few students at School, we will have a maximum Bubble size of 10. There will be no mixing during class or break times. Students will follow distancing rules. Masks/face coverings are encouraged but not mandatory.
- Students must stay home if they:
 - are sick or unwell
 - are awaiting the results of a COVID-19 test OR been asked to have a COVID-19 test
 - have been to a location of interest
 - have been self-isolating
- Please seek advice about getting tested (ring Healthline on 0800 358 5453 or your GP).

Contact tracing at Alert Level 3

- All our usual safety precautions and procedures will be in place which include following all the recommendations from the public health experts.

THANK YOU SO MUCH parents/whānau for continuing to work with your child's teacher and what you're doing to support your children's learning, in addition to your own home responsibilities. We're super proud of our tamariki and staff. We're super proud of our sharing, creating and celebrating learning over the past weeks. *Kia kaha, kia māia, kia manawanui koutou, aroha nui e te whānau* 🌻

Fa'afetai tele lava, stay safe,

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