



School Update No. 6

24TH April 2020

Kia ora koutou,

On Tuesday morning we move to Level 3. This is not a lot different to Level 4 as the recommendation is that if you can you stay in your own bubble and if you must go out then destinations are limited and social distancing is compulsory.

Thank you to all those parents who completed the survey to enable us to complete a level 3 roll. **This is now closed.** If we were unable to contact you, we have assumed that you are still able to care for your children.

If you are a parent of a child who will be attending school because you are an emergency worker or starting work and have no one at home to care for your children, you will receive an email on the 27th April outlining our expectations about returning to school and the process for arrival. (see School Update No. 5 for some of the detail).

Over this past week I have asked staff to contact parents more frequently to determine our level 3 roll. Our main avenues of communication are through the School App, our school Facebook page and classroom platforms such as Seesaw and Google Classrooms but if we don't get a response from you we do need to ring. Sadly, these calls are not always being received warmly.

This afternoon the leadership team has had a discussion around what student engagement looks like in a distance learning environment. We have come up with the following:

If you are learning online then engagement looks like attending zoom hui, uploading and submitting work as it is completed; positive written feedback from parents through either a text, a phone call or messaging through the online platform in a polite, prompt, timely manner.

If your child is learning through hardcopy activities it could be a discussion through a phone call, a text or an email. Parents can take the initiative and email the classroom teacher.

Teachers are missing the kids and want to see what they are doing and for many students they can't communicate with their teachers without your support. Please support your children to maintain their relationships with their teachers.

Some tips for when students are in online hui:

- The microphone picks up all background noise and conversation
- Turn the microphone off unless the student is speaking
- Zoom hui are for that student in that classroom

I have not had notification from the Ministry of Education yet on devices and modems. We will be sending out more hard pack learning for students this week.

Tuesday is a Teacher Only Day so teachers won't be running online programmes. Don't forget to look on our school webpage for other learning ideas. Matua Matt has added new activities under the music page.

Don't forget if you have a query you can still ring the school office (07 8492256) and your call will be redirected.

Tomorrow is ANZAC Day. I hope many of you are able to honour our fallen soldiers by participating in "Stand At Dawn."

Ngaa mihi

Whaea Chris