



Kia ora koutou –

I hope that you and your whānau are safe and well.

I think we had all anticipated a further extension of Alert Level 4, and the Prime Minister has confirmed this, although for how long will be confirmed on Tuesday afternoon the 31st.

Thank you to all our students - tauira for joining our distance learning programme as this will continue on our class sites throughout the lockdown period in both level 4 and then level 3. Please note you can access all these class sites via our Te Papapa website or the individual class Facebook pages. All classes are meeting daily in a zoom session so please try and participate in these as they enable the children to keep connected with their friends, classmates and teachers. This is also a great opportunity to simply chat and enjoy each others company with a bit of fun added in!

We also know some whānau are unable to access distance learning online so teachers have contacted you individually about coming into school to collect hard copy packs for your tamariki. The learning the children are doing is the same for both online and offline so both groups of children will feel included if it is discussed at their daily zoom sessions.

It is only in very limited circumstances that students, parents or caregivers are allowed to come to the school grounds and with my permission. 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.

We realise what a stressful time this has been for everyone and I know that distance learning is not easy, either for the children or the whānau. Please keep in contact with teachers and/or any of our senior leadership team. We are all here to listen if you need help with anything or if you simply just want to chat.

In the meantime of course we can all continue to protect ourselves, our whānau and our community from COVID-19 by doing the following:

- 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 locations of cases are identified and added to the [Ministry of Health website](#). Please keep checking this. 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 exempted from doing so, which includes anyone aged under 12)
- Keep a two-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 <https://covid19.govt.nz/alert-levels-and-updates/alert-level-4/> site for any information you might need.

Finally, we know some families in our community may be finding it difficult to access food and essential items such as medicine. These websites will give you information on where to access food or other essential items. <https://www.foodbank.co.nz/>.
<https://www.foodbank.co.nz/south-auckland>

If you or someone you know needs financial assistance, please tell him/her to call the free government helpline 0800 779 997 (8am–1am, seven days a week).

Take care everyone. We can do this together-

Kia Māia- We Can!

Aroha nui
Robyn
Tumuaki

