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Kia ora Whanau



We are expecting more information about the **possible** move to Alert Level 3 next Monday April 20th, however please find the latest updates from the Ministry of Education as below. Obviously, we are concerned about exactly what this will look like for our tamariki who attend Reporoa Primary. We ask for your continued patience while we await more information and guidance from the Government.

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The overriding principle for [Alert Level 3](#) is to stay at home, other than for essential personal movement and going to work and school. For education, the key public health measures announced for Alert Level 3 are:

- Parents and caregivers **keep their children at home and maintain distance learning where that is possible**, parents and caregivers can send children to school if they need to.
- Schools open for both onsite and distance learning for years 1 – 10
- Year 11 – 13 students to remain at home and undertake distance learning
- People at higher-risk of severe illness from COVID-19 (e.g. those with underlying medical conditions, especially if not well-controlled, and the elderly) are encouraged to take additional precautions when leaving home. They may work if they agree with their employer that they can do so safely.
- Physical distancing - 2 metres outside and 1 metre inside
- A need to regularly disinfect surfaces
- Wash and dry hands, cough into elbow, do not touch your face
- Stay home if you are sick, report flu-like symptoms

- Travel restricted to essential, including going to work and to school
- The Director-General of Health has recommended that we start with bubbles of 10 and over time move to 20. We are still working this through.
- Parents also have a role here, to fully support this approach by doing their bit – **making sure that they inform their school as to whether they need to have their children at school**, keeping children home if they are unwell and seeking medical advice about whether a child may need to be tested; strictly maintaining their family 'bubble' outside the ECE or school environment; and ensuring great hygiene practices at all times.

The staff, BOT and I will work out the details of what this will look like at Reporoa Primary in the days following a move to level 3.

I can confirm that if level three is announced, it will be a week before any child can attend the school physical space. Learning will continue to be via distance online learning either at home or at school. If your child has one of the school iPads and returns to school, they will be required to hand it back and it will stay at school. As teachers will be busy with their online classes, students are not likely to be in their normal classroom but will be monitored by rostered teachers as they complete their online learning at school. If your child has not been learning online and has no device, we have a limited number left that we can provide. BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) iPads will be something we will look into if required for device numbers during this time and beyond.

Thank you for your positivity, support and willingness to adhere to the guidelines as we navigate this unknown situation. I will keep you posted with further information through facebook, Skool Loop app, and email. Teachers can send via SeeSaw as well. We endeavour to reach you with communications in as many ways as we possibly can.

Nāku i runga i aku mihi ki a koe

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