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Kia ora,

You'll be aware that all of New Zealand (with the exception of Auckland) is moving to Alert Level 2 from midnight tonight. Our thoughts and positive wishes are with everyone in Tāmaki Makaurau | Auckland.

Extensive wastewater testing and the numbers of people getting tested across the country has given the Government confidence that it is safe to allow a shift down to Alert Level 2 across most of New Zealand.

We are really looking forward to welcoming everyone back onsite on Thursday morning. I know the students will be super excited to see their teachers and to reconnect with their friends. **Tomorrow (Wednesday) we will be closed** as no-one has been onsite at Alert Level 3 for four days. The teachers will prepare for re-opening to all on Thursday and therefore will not be supplying or engaging in online learning for the day.

At Alert Level 2 there is low risk of community transmission and it provides us with a lot more opportunities to engage and connect with others. However, there are still a number of public health requirements we all need to follow. Please do continue to monitor your health and **do not send your children to school if they are not well** (and please seek advice about getting a COVID test).

For us, all the required safety precautions for Alert Level 2 will be in place which include following all the recommendations from the public health experts. This means **we will regularly clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces, encourage everyone to frequently wash their hands and cough and sneeze into their elbow.**

While physical distancing is not a requirement in schools, we will be doing our best to keep students from congregating in very large numbers and keeping spaces well-ventilated. For this reason **we will not be having any whole school assemblies.**

Face coverings are not required to be worn in school. The Director General of Health has recommended that children 12 years+ wear a face covering at school – just as older children are required to wear face coverings in some other places. The decision to wear a face covering is up to you and your whānau, whatever your decision it will be respected. **Please send your child with a named drink bottle** as our water fountains will not be operating in level 2. **Please also drop your children at the gate and do not enter unless necessary** (in which case you will be required to scan the COVID app AND sign in at the office - two different purposes).

If you are not sure what all the rules are for alert level 2 when you are out and about, then the following information may be useful to you:

- [COVID-19 Alert Levels summary table](#)
- [COVID-19 Alert Levels detailed table](#)

Finally, you've all been super parents/teachers over the last 3 weeks. We all take our hats off to you all. We all know how difficult it is to juggle running a household, looking after your whānau, working from home and then having to supervise/facilitate home learning. Tino pai tou mahi koutou katoa - great work everyone. We look forward to seeing all our students back at school. We have organised for lunch to be delivered so all they need to do is come back to school with a beautiful smile on their face. 😊

Kia haumaruru te noho - be safe.

Please don't hesitate to contact your child's kaiako or me if there is something you need assistance with. See you Thursday!

Ngā mihi

Richelle McDonald (Principal)

Kate Bowron (BOT Chairperson)