

Monday 23rd August 2021

Kia ora koutou whanau/aiga

RE: ALERT LEVEL 4: School remains closed for the next seven days, at least, for everyone!

Once again like me, I am sure you have followed with interest the announcement made this afternoon by the Prime Minister, and if so, you will already be aware we are remaining at Alert Level 4 until 11.59pm on Tuesday 31st August, so until then we all continue doing what we are doing. Your child's form teacher will be in direct contact by phone or text before 10am tomorrow, Tuesday 24th August, with some specific information around collecting an updated hard copy Learning Pack for those with no internet access. The times for this collection will be between 1.30 – 2.30pm on Wednesday 25th August, from the carpark roundabout. Form teachers will also be updating whanau about online learning.

A big thank you for taking the lockdown seriously and doing what we have been asked – we've seen before that staying at home will break the chain of transmission and save lives. It is even more important that we all follow the health advice because the Delta variant is very contagious. Breaking the rules risks the health of those close to you, the wider community and could result in the lock down period being extended.

Distance Learning: Alert Level 4

- Curriculum teaching and learning resources (with guidance for parents) can be found online here for English-medium and here for Māori-medium
- Home Learning TV can be <u>accessed on demand here</u> or via the TVNZ App on a device (mobile phone, smart tv or tablet)
- Mauri Reo, Mauri Ora can be accessed on demand from Māori TV for <u>primary-aged tamariki</u>

We will do our utmost to stay in touch at this time to keep kids' learning up to date and as consistent as we can. Teachers will be doing this by making contact with families and students by way of text messages, phone calls or via students' school email addresses if accessible and able to be received on a **daily basis**.

It is important however, that not just at school but at home, that you continue to follow the good practises, as they are essential to minimise the risk of contracting Covid-19. So a reminder:

- Wear a mask and keep a 2m distance from others whenever you leave your home (as per the Level 4 conditions!)
- If you are sick, call your doctor or Healthline 0800 358 5453 for advice about getting tested
- Keep on scanning the QR codes whenever you leave your home (as per the Level 4 conditions!)
- Practice good hygiene wash hands often

For more information about the public health measures at Alert Level 4, you can visit the covid19.govt.nz website: https://covid19.govt.nz/

Locations of Interest:

Health authorities are continuing to work closely with confirmed cases to identify close contacts and <u>locations of interest</u>. This information is continuously updated so please keep an eye out to the relevant media to keep connected with this information.

Services such as Supermarkets, Pharmacies, clinics and petrol stations will stay open at Alert Level 4. Keep up to date at www.covid19.govt.nz as well as the Manurewa Intermediate website and Facebook page. Please also feel free to contact myself with any queries and I can direct you to the appropriate person. My email address is iain@manurewaint.school.nz.

As always, please let us know if there is anything you need to support you and your tamariki during this time. A massive thank you in advance for all your support and goodwill

Kia kaha and faamalosi whānau!

Ngā mihi

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