



Tuesday 17th August 2021

Kia ora koutou whanau/aiga

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

Like me, I am sure you have followed with interest the announcements made by the Prime Minister just a few hours ago. You will have seen and heard from that news broadcast, that Auckland and Coromandel are at Alert Level 4 Lockdown for the next 7 days, with the rest of the country for 3 days, effective from midnight tonight, Tuesday 17th August. This is most inconvenient but we understand this is us '*going hard and going quickly*' for the safety of our country, given it is most likely the new Delta Variant.

Unlike 2020, we have had no grace period leading up to this lockdown where we were able to give out devices and home learning packs. Because of the importance of the first 24 hours in tracing this virus, the Ministry of Education have advised us there is no exemption process to allow for devices or hard pack resources to be distributed after the fact, or any other approved arrangement. We will continue to review this and if this changes we will let you know. Therefore, we are only able to have a downloadable learning pack from our website and Facebook page. Please check them out! (W: www.manurewaint.school.nz; FB: Rewalnt). In addition check out the links below:

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 [accessed on demand here](#) 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 [primary-aged tamariki](#)

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 working closely with the confirmed case to identify close contacts and [locations of interest](#). Experience shows that this information will be regularly updated so please encourage your community, where relevant, 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.

Kia kaha and faamalosi whānau!

Ngā mihi

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