

Monday 13th September 2021

Kia ora koutou whanau/aiga

**RE: REMAINING AT ALERT LEVEL 4:
School remains closed for the next SEVEN days, at least, for everyone!**

Once again, I am sure you have followed with interest the announcement made this afternoon by the Prime Minister, and indeed, like me, you probably anticipated a further extension of Alert Level 4, and, so it is. **All of Auckland are remaining at Alert Level 4 until 11.59pm on Tuesday 21st September,** and as such all schools are closed. Cabinet has made an in-principle decision that Auckland will move to level 3 at that time, but note this does not mean we will definitely move levels, but will be confirmed next Monday. Therefore, until then we all continue doing what we are doing with our distance learning programmes. Ka rawe o mahi – you're doing amazing... so keep at it!

Level 2 will remain for outside Auckland for another week, and Cabinet will review this setting on Monday next week as well.

You will also be aware that Manurewa is one of seven suburbs of particular interest, along with Mt Eden, Massey, Mangere, Favona, Papatoetoe, and Otara. Residents here are being asked by the Prime Minister to be especially vigilant, so please stick to your bubble, stay home as much as possible and try to reduce risk by having just one person go to the shop or supermarket. In addition, get vaccinated please!

Your child's form teacher will continue to be in direct daily contact by phone or text, and learning will continue online as it is now for those with devices and internet access. For those without this your form teacher will continue to keep in touch with you via daily phone calls or text, and the schoolwork being your hard copy learning pack.

There is a lot we can all do to continue to protect our whānau and community from COVID-19 including:

- 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 cases are identified, [new locations of interest are 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).

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

Finally, we know some families in our community may be finding it difficult to access food and essential items such as medicine. This information about [how to access to food or essential items](#) summarises the supports that are available, including financial help to buy food.

As always, please do take care and let us know if there is anything you need, and that we can help you with to support you and your tamariki during this time. A massive thank you in advance for all your support and goodwill

Kia pai te ra koutou! Have a good day everyone!

Ngā mihi

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Principal