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Tena koutou Whānau

You will now be adjusting to a further period of Alert Level 3 and working through the impacts this will have for your family. I would like to thank you all for your cooperation as we have re-established our bubbles in school and have prepared for online learning, which has started. While most of us are familiar with requirements at Alert Level 3, we will continue to emphasise the importance of:

- Good hand hygiene and cough and sneeze etiquette
- Staying away if sick
- Keeping an appropriate physical distance from others
- Cleaning and disinfecting our high touch surfaces daily
- Staying in our bubbles whether at home or in school
- Displaying QR code posters at our entrances and encouraging all our community to download the NZ COVID Tracer App and use it if they come on-site
- Keeping a visitor register for anyone who cannot use the app and for other essential visitors

We know all these things will help to keep our community as safe as possible. Because of these measures being in place, your child does not need to wear a face covering while at school, however, should they wish to please provide one and we will support the wearing of their mask while at school.

Our online learning has started again. Your child's teacher is the first contact if you have any questions. Several media outlets have re-established their educational TV content please see the attachment for the details we received from the Ministry of Education. Please focus on you and your children's well-being. Do not push too hard for children to complete all of their online learning tasks, make sure they are having fun in the process of learning. Our teachers will try very hard to keep activities and lessons interesting and enjoyable for the children and your support is important where you can provide it.

We distributed many of the school's devices on Friday. Thank you to all those parents who came into school to ensure that your children had the hardware to effectively participate in online learning. You are still able to pick up devices today (12.30-2.30pm) and tomorrow (10am-2.30pm), after this time we will not be distributing further devices at this alert level. Please contact the office prior to coming in. and enter the school via the Isobel Rd Pedestrian entrance and come directly to the office. We ask you to adhere to the social distancing and hygiene guidelines and you will need to sign in.

I would like to emphasise that our school grounds are closed at Level 3 so please refrain from using them for recreation. We had some of our vegetable garden ripped up during the weekend, which is disappointing at any time, but particularly when the grounds should be closed. We will clean it up before the children come back, so they don't see this mindless vandalism.

Thank you for your continuing support. I will stay in contact this week and let you know how other changes with impact on our school and our processes.

Stay safe and look after yourself and your family.

Kia Kaha

Ngā mihi

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