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Dear Parents and caregivers,

Firstly a massive thank you for the support with the home learning this term. Working from home and juggling the home learning is a tough balance, which as a parent myself, I empathise with! I have my fingers crossed that the alert level review early next week allows us to come back to school at a lower alert level, meaning we can have children back on site. Once we get some certainty around alert level changes, I will provide you with information around how school will look for your children and for visitors to the site, prior to the start of Term 4.

With the school holidays approaching, just a reminder that the school grounds are closed until further notice. Aside from the covid related closure, we also have multiple contractors on site currently and through the holidays.

Term 4 is always an exciting and very busy term. This year will be no different, but we do need to prepare with one eye on the alert levels. Events such as our Wainoni Park Athletics day or our end of year events can only go ahead with people onsite at Level 1. The preparation that goes into each of these events is huge. This means while we have dates for our term 4 events and celebrations, we may still have to cancel them. The decision to cancel would have to be made early for some events, like Christmas on the Green, as there are many costs involved in a late cancellation. The decision to cancel any events is not taken lightly and involves many people, but these things are unavoidable in the current climate.

Friday 1st October is the last day of home learning for Term 3. The following two weeks are the school holidays. I have been so proud of our teachers and staff with the time and effort they have put into online learning, while in many cases also managing their own children's learning at home. No additional learning will be provided over the holiday periods and the teachers will not be providing online learning or meetings. The teachers will be busy preparing for Term 4, as well as taking a break, so they can be refreshed and raring to welcome your children back in Term 4, when hopefully we will be at a lower alert level.

Again, thank you for the hard work you have had to put into your role working from home and supporting the learning with your child over this period of Covid Alert Level Three and Four. I will keep you updated with any changes for Term 4.

Kia Kaha
Ngā mihi

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