

## UPDATE - 8 MAY 2020

Dear Parents /whanau,



Yesterday the Prime Minister informed us that cabinet is meeting on Monday 11 May to decide the date for the start of Level 2. **Therefore, at this stage, we are still at Alert Level 3.**

The Prime Minister advised that when Alert Level 2 starts, it is preferred that schools do not return in the middle of the working week. The preference is for the school to return at the beginning of the following week. Children who have been coming to school under Alert Level 3, may continue to attend school but for those who are returning for the first time this Term, it is best to wait till the Monday of the new week.

The teachers are continuing with the hard packs for those who prefer distance learning from home. Hard packs will be available from the Home School Room (Breakfast Room). Please enter through the front gate and follow the signs to the Breakfast Room.



The key Public Health approach is to minimise the risk that someone gets infected in the first place, and second to ensure we can identify and contact anyone who has been in close contact with a person, if someone in a school is infected.

As we have done in Alert Level 3, you can be assured that in Alert Level 2 we will know who is at school, who our staff and students have been in close contact with and take appropriate measures to keep everyone safe.



Physical distancing is a good precaution to prevent the spread of disease. We do however know it is challenging in schools, so good hygiene practices and regular cleaning are even more important here. This includes staff and students coughing into their elbows, handwashing and drying and regular cleaning of commonly touched surfaces.

Under Alert Level 2, we advise any students and staff to stay at home if they are sick, and we will send anyone home immediately if they show any symptoms.

Our school has safe and sensible practices to maintain the health and safety of everyone on the school site.

We would like to encourage everyone to use the hygienic habits at school and at home as this is essential to minimise the risk of Covid-19. For more information about the public health measures at Alert Level 2, you can visit

the covid19.govt.nz website: <https://covid19.govt.nz/>

If you have any questions about our health and safety plan, or have a child who might be vulnerable to serious illness and would like to discuss a plan for them, please contact the school. We will continue to keep you updated,

Kind regards

*Dubs Rai*

Principal/ Tumuaki