



Te Kura Maori o Nga Tapuwae

20 August 2021

Tena koutou katoa,

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou, kei te marama tātou ki ngā taumahatanga o te wā, no reira ko te tumanako kia tau te aroha o te Atua ki runga i a koutou me to whanau whanui.

We are probably looking at the emerging cases from this outbreak and may be thinking that some further time at Alert Level 4 was the best thing for our community. That thinking was confirmed today when the Prime Minister advised that we will remain at Alert Level 4 until 11.59pm on 24 August. We will learn more on Monday about what will happen next.

I wanted to reassure you that our school staff and board will continue to be available to support your child's learning and wellbeing in the coming days.

The Ministry of Education connected with schools earlier this year to check in on your readiness and response plans if there was another COVID-19 resurgence. We are prepared in ensuring provision of learning materials. As of today, all devices and hard copy homework packs have either been delivered if you are in South Auckland and mailed if outside of the area. A number of whanau arranged to pick up from school today or for our small staff to drop off to close contact relatives. Below is further information to assist with the learning experience from home:

- ☞ Hard pack contents are online for you and your whānau to access via the [Learning From Home](#) and [Ki te Ao Marama](#) websites. The Ministry of Education is working on providing these in printable formats as soon as possible for teachers to access as part of their planning if need be.
- ☞ [Papa Kāinga \(TVNZ\)](#) and [Māori TV On Demand](#) educational channels are also available now.
- ☞ All senior school staff will connect with NCEA students via their devices for online learning.
- ☞ Kura Tuatahi students will also have opportunities to connect with their kaiako and their peers during online sessions. We are now trying to find ways to support students who do not have devices in Y1 – 6 at home but have connectivity.
- ☞ At this present time, we are unable to get any further connectivity support from MoE due to technicians not being able to enter homes.

Also attached to this letter are the:

- ☞ Kura Tuatahi (Yr 1 – 6) Zoom Schedule

- ☞ Kura Tuarua (Yr 7 – 13) Distance Learning Timetable (NB: There's one page per year group so scroll down to find the right one)
- ☞ Zoom Etiquette
- ☞ Covid FAQ

Some things to remember regarding distance learning during this lockdown are:

Kura Tuatahi (Yr 1 – 6)

- ☞ A homework book has been sent out to everyone.
- ☞ If you do not have wifi or a device there is a lot of revision activities to do in the booklet.
- ☞ If you have a device, we encourage you to connect and participate in the online learning (see timetable attached).
- ☞ The zoom details are:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86196212417?pwd=QStYMDhHUW1BV3FtVzA2dGZML3ZUZz09>

Meeting ID: 861 9621 2417

Passcode: 829367

- ☞ Teachers may upload activities to their storypark page. Keep an eye out for these.
- ☞ Please answer the survey on Storypark regarding connectivity

Kura Tuarua (Yr 7 – 13)

- ☞ Scheduled classes are compulsory. If there are extenuating circumstances why you cannot attend, please inform your Whare Ako teacher and subject teacher immediately
- ☞ Ensure you read and follow the zoom etiquette as tardiness, people lying in bed etc will not be tolerated.
- ☞ Anyone who does not attend without good reason and/or does not follow the zoom etiquette can expect a call from Ma Stirling

If you have any queries, please contact the Whare Ako teacher first for assistance. They will be checking their emails at 10am and 1pm every school day so should be able to reply to you thereafter.

Last but definitely not least, as the [Mental Health Foundation of NZ says](#), “it’s all right to feel a range of emotions right now. Going into a Level 4 lockdown is a big deal and it brings all sorts of different feelings to the surface, including frustration, worry and even gratitude. However you are feeling, know that you’re not alone – we’re all going through this together.”

If you need to talk, check in with a friend or whānau member, or free call/text 1737 to chat with a trained counsellor. It's free and confidential. There are also [a lot of other supports available to you, your whānau and your community](#) if needed.

You will also understand the importance of routine for your family. If your routine has been shaken up, it's good to structure your time. Routines are reassuring and promote health and physical wellbeing.

A big thank you to all of you for taking the lockdown so seriously – we've seen before that staying at home will break the chain of transmission and save lives. Breaking the rules could risk someone close to you and if the rules are not complied with, this could risk the lock down period being extended or could risk the virus being spread to thousands.

Please [keep checking the locations of interest](#) and get tested if you were at that location at the specified time, or if you have symptoms which could be COVID-19.

As always, please let us know if there is anything you need to support you and your tamariki during this time.

Ko te manako nui e noho haumarua ana koutou katoa.

Ngā manaakitanga

Ma Stirling
Tumuaki