

Principal Update – 13th September 2021

Kia ora tātou

Following the government announcement this afternoon, Auckland will remain in Level 4 until midnight next Tuesday (21/09/2021). This was probably not a surprise for Aucklanders, as despite the hardships and stress for many, this was an understandable decision supporting ultimate elimination. Given it is Māori language week my quote / whakatauki to reflect this update “*he toka tū moana, arā he toa rongonui*” Your strength is like a rock, standing in raging waters. Together we can do this, and we do recognise that the longer Level 4 goes the tougher it gets, but the end (or at least Level 3) is in sight.

With the Level 4 continuation, we once again extend the invitation to **request hard copy packs and devices** for the next few weeks. Please complete this request by 9.00am Friday 17th September for delivery. Our apologies to those families for the delivery delay from NZ post – not quite as efficient as the APS admin and senior leadership team courier service.

[Click Here to request a Device or Paper based pack](#)

Thank you for the support you are continuing to give your children; helping to set expectations around learning time, supervising their hard copy activities, encouraging them to select the relevant TV learning channel, as well as providing a suitable space and device for their online learning time. For many of you this is in addition to doing your own job, care for all in your bubble, let alone shop and feed hungry families! We know that now the “novelty factor” of being at home for our children has long gone.

It has been a privilege to pop into many of the classes’ online sessions, and I am so impressed with your children and our staff. The way the teachers’ and teacher aides have digitally upskilled themselves, the quality of their presentations, videoing themselves reading stories, group and class teaching groups (age appropriate), and the all-important providing a platform for our learner-teacher (ako) relationships, as well as the class and their friends to continue to have some social interaction.

We are continuing to prepare arrangements for Level 3 bubble school requirements, optimistically which we **may** be moving to by next Wednesday. If you have ***not yet completed the request*** for supervision and your **child/ren will require supervision during Level 3** please complete the form [link here](#) by 9.00am Monday 20th September. If you have already completed the form, thank you for this information, there is no need to re-enter.

I have included several links to celebrate Māori language Week. You could try the Māori Language Moment [Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori](#) or practice a few words or phrases each day from this handy list [100 Māori words every New Zealander should know](#). Mr Hopkins has included a week of daily challenges for our Taskmaster quiz, the first closing at noon tomorrow [Day 11: Take a photo of something and label it in Te Reo Māori link here.](#) |

Continue as I know you have - get tested if you or your whānau show even minor symptoms of COVID.

Stay safe and stay well. Kia noho haumarū.

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