



ALBANY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Where learning makes a difference...

20th August 2021

Dear parents

We trust you are all safe and well in your family bubble. Our thoughts are particularly with some of our families and staff who are currently in 14 day quarantine, due to being a casual or close contact with one of the identified locations currently listed on the Ministry of Health ([Locations of Interest](#)). Please check this and follow the required instructions if you have not yet. Given the number of locations on the North Shore it is inevitable that these exposures will increase, potentially having a greater impact on our school community.

Following this afternoon's announcement by the Prime Minister of our continued COVID Level 4 status the school site will remain closed until Tuesday 24th August at midnight, or until any further changes are announced on Monday at the next press conference. Therefore the teachers will continue with on-line learning.

Your teacher should have made **initial contact with you or your child this week**. If not please email them to ensure your children can be set up for next week's learning programme.

Given this extension of Level 4 we have been informed that individual members of the Senior leadership team may enter **school to prepare hard copy packs, and devices** to enable ūdistribution early next week. If you do not have access to a device, or require hard copy learning activities please complete the form on this link by Sunday evening so we can arrange delivery early next week. [Request for pack to support 'Learning at Home' - Click Here](#)

Thank you all for doing the right thing by observing the Level 4 requirement of staying home, not coming onto school grounds, as well as being tested if you or your children have any symptoms. Once again New Zealand has led the way with the "go hard and go fast" approach, even more important with the highly infectious Delta strain. Just as we notice in our own school community in difficult times, those same values of doing the right thing by following the ūregulations as well as compassion for each other, is what will get us through. Continuing to show care for not only our own families but staying connected with others who may be alone or struggling at this time. I will contact you next week once confirmation of Auckland COVID level has been announced.

On a lighter note, if you need something to make you smile, spend a moment to have a look at the **APS Movie Competition** demonstrating creative movie making skills of some of our learners and staff. You still have time to add something from your family too - [link here](#). Looks like Mr Mike is in the running for the David Attenborough Persimmon Award for gardening expertise!

Noho tawhiti, tū kotahi
Stay distant to stand as one

Maree Bathurst.

Principal