

Kia ora koutou

Happy Easter to all of our TAPS family.

It is great to be able to catch up with everyone again.

This is a reminder to our whanau that on line learning for our students will start again on Wednesday 15 April. Our teachers will make contact with children on Wednesday morning with the programme for the day and will be available to support them on line from 9.00am until 3.00pm each day Monday to Friday from thereon.

The Ministry of Education has started rolling out the issue of devices for children who they know don't have access to a device. Children who don't have access to a wifi connection at home should receive a hard copy pack of learning materials via courier. This will take a number of days to action so it might only be at the end of the week or into next week when this happens.

As a staff, we are not allowed access to the school at all so we are not able to provide our students with photocopied materials or school resources to support their learning through the post or via courier or to personally drop it off at their homes.

Our school's on line learning plan will be rolled out using See Saw and Google Docs to provide children with their learning. This is the same method we used at the start of the lockdown.

If you need to contact your child's teacher, you can contact them via See Saw and their school email.

This mode of learning is new to our staff so it won't be perfect, we will be learning a lot ourselves along the way. I also do not expect children to be on line working on a device for the duration of a school day. This is an unrealistic expectation of any child. They need break times where they can get outside and get some fresh air as well.

I do not for one minute expect our parents to think that they need to become their child's teacher because of on line learning. We also don't want to create more stress for our families than there may already be because of Covid 19. I want our focus to be on our families and personal well being at this time.

The government will be making a decision on whether to lift or maintain the Level 4 Alert level next Monday. Only then will we have a clearer picture of how long we will be in lock down and what, potentially, a changed Alert level will look like.

There is an indication from the Minister of Education that some schools could start opening again from the 29 April. I would caution against us planning for this until we get all of the details from the Ministry of Education once the Ministry of Health has given them clear guidelines on what will be required to be in place before a school can open again.

I will be in contact with all of our families again on Tuesday to give you any updated information before the start of the new, but different, school term.

I look forward to the day when there is no longer any alert level and we can all talk to each other face to face and get together as a school whanau.

Ngaa mihi nui

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