

Kia ora tatou

What a week this has been for all of us. Thankfully we have all survived!

I would like to thank all of our parents for supporting your children in navigating this new learning journey they have been on this week.

Thank you to our amazing teachers for the work that they have done in setting up this on line learning programme for our students.

I have been amazed by some of the superb work that has been done by our students this week as well. I am so proud of our children for the way that they have embraced this. From 11 – 17 April we had 773 posts placed on See Saw and 296 parent visits to See Saw. This does not include the visits and feedback which is happening in the classes that are also using Google Docs which would add substantially to this number as well.

Today and yesterday saw the first learning packs from the Ministry of Education arrive for some of our students. Next week we will hopefully see some devices arriving for children who don't have access to a device. This will certainly make it easier for us to reach all families.

The Ministry will also be supplying modems to some families who don't have wifi at home and this will be paid for by the Ministry for the duration of the lockdown phases.

On Monday we will know if we are to move out of Alert Level 4 down to Alert Level Three. I will be in touch with everyone as soon as we have been briefed on this. Until this announcement we remain at Level 4.

In fact, moving to Level 3 won't change much for our children's education as learning will still be on line but there will be the opportunity for some people to return to work if it is safe to do so. The advice is still for children to stay home if at all possible during Level 3. There will also be careful planning done to ensure a safe opening for all schools. I will give all parents a detailed outline of this should we move out of Level 4.

This pandemic is by no means over, so we all still need to remain vigilant and stay home in our bubbles and follow the rules or else we could find ourselves in lockdown for much longer.

I will be in touch again during the course of the next few days.

Kia pai tō rā whakatā !

Noho ora mai

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