

Kia ora koutou

I hope everyone is settling in and getting ready for the lockdown which starts at 11.59pm tonight. Many of our teachers have been communicating with our children on line today. Thank you for supporting your children with their learning at this time, we really appreciate this.

Removing data caps for internet

Please be advised most of the major telcos have now removed data caps and the possibility of any extra charges based on usage.

Please see the links to those major companies below if you need further support with this.

SPARK - <https://www.spark.co.nz/help/covid-19/>

*"Removing overage charges for customers who are on data-capped **broadband plans**, so they won't have to worry about paying extra to stay connected. This applies to both small and medium business and consumer customers;"*

VODAFONE - <https://news.vodafone.co.nz/covid-19-care>

*"The removal of data caps from data-capped **Broadband plans** for consumers and small to medium sized businesses until at least the end of June 2020"*

VOCUS/SLINGSHOT - https://help.slingshot.co.nz/hc/en-us/articles/900000386943-Our-action-against-COVID-19?_ga=2.224375707.1878754814.1585097493-87562686.1585097493

"We removed all the data caps from our plans to better enable you to work from home during this time of social distancing and self-isolation."

2DEGREES - <https://www.2degreesmobile.co.nz/help-and-support/mobile/your-account/covid-19/>

"Any customer who was on a limited data plan on or before Friday, March 20 will now receive unlimited data through until June 2020."

Earlier today the Prime Minister declared a National State of Emergency throughout New Zealand. This gives the government additional powers to manage this pandemic without having to pass special laws through parliament.

This is a reminder to everyone to stay at home so that we can beat Covid-19 so there is no loss of life in NZ.

As part of the State of Emergency I was asked to remind our community that our school is closed for our staff, parents, children and the community. This means that no one is allowed on the school grounds and the adventure playgrounds are off limits. Signs have been erected around the school informing the public of this.

All public/municipal parks in Te Aroha are also closed.

Stay safe and be kind to each other.

Ngaa mihi nui

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