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Kia ora e te whanau,

The Prime Minister yesterday released the latest information for Schools which will mean changes that will affect us differently. As a community we have all played our part throughout the level 4 Lockdown and keeping within our 'bubble'. We are now gearing towards the next stage as we prepare ourselves for Level 3.

I would like to thank you all for your support in communicating and working with Kaiako to ensure your child's learning needs are being addressed.

So what will Level 3 look like for tamariki at Te Kura Rautau? (The Ministry of Education have made this statement for whanau)

'Schools will be open for children to go to learn if their parents need to return to work, or the children cannot learn at a distance. Children who are able to, should remain home and learn via distance.' (Learning at a distance includes using the stationary packs at home)

We will continue to support learning online and communicating how the home packs can be used. We are still waiting for more devices that will allow those remaining students to learn online from home. To prepare for opening the kura:

- Classrooms will be set up differently to ensure a safe working distance is applied.
- Each class will initially be able to have only a maximum of 10 students.
- Contact tracing registrars will be set up for each class
- Interval and lunch breaks will be at different times for classes and they will not be able to mix and mingle between classes during breaks.

Home pack resources are still being delivered and for some whanau, their stationary packs are only just arriving. If your child's pack has not arrived yet, it will not be too far away. Home Learning will continue to be available through the T.V. channels: Papa Kāinga TV on TVNZ channel 2+1 and on TVNZ On Demand, as well as on Sky Channel 502, and Mauri Reo, Mauri Ora on Māori Television.

Please note the details below:

- 1. The confirmed date that Centennial Park School will be reopening for those without adult supervision is Wednesday 29th April (9am)**
2. Any sick or unwell child sent to kura will be sent home (contact will be made to parents / whanau to pick up child)
3. For all students working from home, learning online and through the delivered home packs will continue. It is important to keep in contact with your child's Kaiako throughout this method of learning.
- 4. We need whanau to confirm to their child's kaiako that they will be able to keep their tamariki home during Level 3.**
5. Our staff will be in the kura planning and preparing for School reopening. Staff will be at the kura this week and until next Tuesday. There is a lot of cleaning and moving of resources and system adjustments (desks; routines; schedules)
6. The review for Level 3 will be in 2 weeks. The Ministry of Education will notify all Schools if there is a change or a continuation at Level 3. We will then make contact with you through the Kaiako to outline what this will mean for your child's learning.

This whole Covid 19 process and the different levels of managing it requires a lot of understanding and patience and we would like to thank you all for this. The efforts you are all putting in does make a difference. Learning in Term 2 is different for us all. Please remember this is also new for our staff as we all adjust to a different way of doing things. Many thanks for your support whanau.

Nga manaakitanga ki a koutou katoa

Kevin Ikin - Principal - Centennial Park School / Te Kura Rautau