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Change from Level 4 to Level 3 - Update for Whaanau

Kia ora e te Whaanau,

The Prime Minister Jacinda Adern announced today an update and change from Level 4 to Level 3 for our community and the areas south of the Bombays (South of Auckland). This will be effective from 11:59pm Tuesday 31st August (next week). 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. A clear message from the Prime Minister today was that at Alert Level 3 schools will effectively continue to be closed for face-to-face learning, other than for the children of parents who need to go to work and have no alternative care options available.

Thank you for your support in communicating and working with our kaiako to ensure your child's learning needs are being addressed. The attendance rate of engagement is extremely high.

So what will Level 3 look like for your tamariki at Te Kura Rautau?

(The Ministry of Education have this statement for whaanau and our local community)

'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 at home and learn via distance.'

(Learning at a distance includes using either the chromebook or i-pad devices that have been sent home or the stationary packs that were sent home last week with tamariki being looked after by an adult)

As a kura, we will continue to support learning online and at home.

To prepare for opening the kura under Level 3:

- 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.
- Whaanau will not be permitted into classrooms and must report into the school office.
- For pick ups and drop offs of tamariki, whaanau must remain in vehicles.
- Contact tracing registrars are available in the office with QR codes on every class door.

- Interval and lunch breaks will be at different times for classes and tamariki will not be able to mix and mingle between classes during breaks.
- Outdoor drinking taps will be turned off - water bottles will be provided for those tamariki at kura.

Please note the details below under Level 3:

1. **The confirmed date that Te Kura Rautau / Centennial Park School will be reopening for those without adult supervision is Wednesday 1st September 2021 (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 home packs will continue. It is important to keep in contact with your child's kaiako throughout this method of learning.
4. **We need whaanau 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 in preparation for School reopening on Wednesday 1st Sept.
6. The ongoing review of Level 3 will be dependent on the Gov't and the Health Dept looking at the current covid levels and responses throughout the country. 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 a range of notifications such as through the kaiako to outline what this will mean for your child's learning.

Thank you for your understanding and patience throughout this time. The efforts you are all putting in does make a difference.

On behalf of all the kaiako, kaiawhina, staff and Board of Trustees, 'A Huge Paki Up' and 'Many thanks' for your support whaanau.

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

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