

CENTENNIAL PARK SCHOOL

“Live Truly”



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Kia ora e te whānau,

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Covid Level 3 - is to continue

The Gov't and Ministry of Education Minister Chris Hipkins yesterday announced areas such as ours in Level 3 an idea of when students 'could be' returning back to kura. At this stage, the **15th November** is the date. We are hopeful all Te Kura Rautau students will be able to return to kura then. There will be a number of guidelines that will be sent out to make sure this is an extremely safe return. We will wait for more advice from the Ministry of Education and then be able to let you know.

The last time our kura was in Level 2, apart from the regular hygiene requirements of washing hands and using hand sanitiser, we had several restrictions. Students from the different classes were not mixing during interval and lunch breaks and they had zoned areas to play in. This was challenging but a way of keeping at a social distance. Lunches were delivered to each of the classrooms rather than altogether in one location. Parents were able to call into the kura but only to the office. Whānau were asked to wait in their vehicles or near the gateway for pick up's and drop off's at kura. We really appreciated the support of our whānau with these restrictions and we may well return to doing the same or similar once all students return.

If we are still in Level 3 on the 15th November, the different steps (1-3) may be similar to what guides us through for the remainder of the year. A copy of Step 1 is attached to this letter. We will have to wait and see what The Gov't and Ministry of Education put in place for us all. With this timeframe, it will only give us about 4 x weeks of students physically attending kura until the end of the year. What a challenging year.

In the meantime, please continue to work closely with our Kaiako and staff with distant learning. We really appreciate the positive comments and support to make the job so much easier. It is challenging for everyone, and we are all in this together. Staff have arranged for packs of learning items to be delivered to students to keep them motivated and engaged with their learning. All we ask is for your support in preparing them for learning on time every morning. Please keep communicating directly with those staff working with your child.

Again, I would like to reassure you that our BOT and staff are here to support our tamariki and whānau. They are always available to koorero and discuss any concerns you have.

Thank you for letting either the staff or myself know when there is extra support needed. For some of you, it maybe that something has happened to the device your tamariki is using. For others it maybe the work in the hard pack of materials is not clearly understood. Thank you for working with us and the team.

Please continue to take care and remain as safe as possible.

Ngaa manaakitanga

Kevin Ikin
Principal
Te Kura Rautau / Centennial Park School

(Attached: copy of Alert Level 3 step 1 from the Ministry of Health)

Golden rules of Waikato at **Alert Level 3** Step 1



Continue to work or study from home, if you can.



Wear a face covering and keep your distance from people while out and about.



Two households can meet up outdoors with a maximum of 10 people.



More outdoor exercise, such as yoga and group exercise classes. Up to 10 people can take part, while maintaining a physical distance of 2 metres.



Children can return to early childhood centres with 10 children in each bubble. Please keep all older children at home.



Businesses that require close physical contact cannot operate.



Keep scanning QR codes and record keeping everywhere you go.



Travel between Alert Level areas is still restricted.