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To: Stephen Walters

Rangiora New Life School

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Kia ora koutou

We are now all in Alert Level 4 which means that our school will not be open onsite, for any students. This follows someone being identified with COVID-19 and who has been in the Auckland and Coromandel communities while believed to be infectious.

It is really important we do everything we can to keep our community safe. Alert Level 4 means we need to stay home in our bubbles and avoid any travelling as much as possible. Supermarkets, pharmacies, foodbanks and other essential services will be open – but remember to wear a face covering if you are out and about (even a scarf wrapped around your mouth and nose will help). Check in using the NZ COVID Tracer App wherever you go and please also keep a distance from people you don't know and wash your hands well and often, especially before and after using any public facilities.

Our distance learning plan will therefore kick into action tomorrow (Thursday)

- For Primary, the next two days will be spent connecting with parents via Seesaw, ensuring that families are safe and well, and checking students are able to connect to student Seesaw accounts. Teachers will Seesaw parents regarding Seesaw connectivity for students. Online learning for Primary will commence on Monday, should the lockdown continue.
- For Secondary, students will be contacted by their class teachers through their class Microsoft Teams and their school email. These should be checked regularly. This week, our priority will be Yr11-13 classes. If a subject has an on-line lesson, these will only occur in the scheduled period times for that class. If the lockdown extends into next week, we will send out details covering Yr 9-13 classes as available.
- With such short notice we weren't able to hand out devices or hard packs to students in order to support distance learning.
- If the lockdown extends –we are sure arrangements similar to last year will be possible- with regard to device lending/hard copy packs from school.

Our focus as always will be to support the learning, safety and wellbeing of our rangatahi

and tamariki and we continue to be here to support you as well.

We acknowledge the families that have essential workers and the added complexity a lockdown adds to that.

Please don't hesitate to contact your child's Kaiako/teacher by email or me, if there is something you need assistance with.

We will also send out emails as the situation develops. In the meantime, please focus on your family – we are here to support you at this time.

I can be contacted on 027 778 3839.

Ngā mihi

Stephen Walters

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