

Dear Parents, Whanau and Caregivers

Kia Ora Koutou.

9 June 2020

What an exciting morning, waking to a country back in Alert Level 1. As New Zealanders we should feel extremely proud of what we have achieved together. The Prime Minister said yesterday that while this is a very important milestone, the job is not done and we shouldn't become complacent. There are public health measures, "Golden Rules" for everyone to follow. For schools they are:

- If students are sick they should stay at home
- Students who are at school and become sick will be sent home immediately. (as per earlier Alert levels)
- Regularly wash and dry hands
- Sneeze and cough into elbow
- Frequently disinfect shared surfaces
- Have hand sanitiser available for use
- Physical distancing is not a requirement but is encouraged around people we don't know
- Displaying of the QR Code poster for parents to use if they wish to

As we are in Alert Level 1, it is safe for children to return to school. There will be no more distance learning provided as we expect all children to be attending school by next Monday 15 June (at the latest). Please phone the office if you have any questions or need support with your child returning to school.

There are two Level 2 practices that we would like to continue as they have both had unexpected but very valuable and positive benefits for your children.

They are:

- Parents saying goodbye at the gates in the morning
- Parents waiting just inside the gates at the end of the day
- When children walk in independently we have noticed that they start the day with pride, have the chance to chat to their teacher and are settled and ready for learning when the bell goes at 9am.
- At the end of the day, not having parents waiting close to the classroom is positive for teachers and children as there are no distractions.

We ask that you continue to wait behind the pink lines at the front and back entrances. When the 3pm bell goes you can move to rooms to collect the children. Neither of these requests apply to the Pohutukawa parents as the little people need you to go to their classrooms before and after school. If you need to collect your child early, ring or pop into the office.

We would really appreciate you supporting us with these two changes and we will review them at the end of the term. If you wish to chat with teachers, please use class dojo, a text or an email to organise a time.

Winding up the Alert Level Info

- We will be following the Golden Rules
- We encourage you to continue to say goodbye at the gate to build on the independence your child has gained
- We ask you to wait behind pink lines at the end of each day and not go close to classrooms
- The gates will be unlocked at 8.15am

Thank you for the amazing support you gave us in Alert Level 2.



Regards, Kay Cleaver, Principal.

