

SCHOOL IS CLOSING

You may well have seen the Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern has updated the alert level. We are currently at **ALERT LEVEL 3** in 48 hours time we will move to **ALERT LEVEL 4** where all New Zealanders are expected to self isolate for the next 4 weeks.

Te Waka Unua School will close immediately.

Children of parents in essential services will be able to attend on Tuesday & Wednesday while alternative arrangements are made. If you meet the government's criteria as an essential service and you need your child to attend school on Tuesday & Wednesday please contact support@tewaka.school.nz so staffing arrangements can be made or text 021 944 123.

ALERT LEVEL THREE: RESTRICT **Heightened risk that disease not contained**

- Travel in areas of community transmission limited
- Affected educational facilities closed
- Mass gatherings cancelled
- Public venues closed
- Alternative ways of working required and some non-essential businesses closed
- Non-face-to-face primary care consultations
- Elective surgeries and procedures deferred and healthcare staff reprioritised

ALERT LEVEL FOUR: ELIMINATE **Likely that disease not contained**

- People to stay at home
- Educational facilities closed
- All non-essential businesses closed
- Rationing of supplies and requisitioning of facilities
- Severe travel restrictions
- Major reprioritisation of healthcare services

Remote Learning

Staff are working to ensure continued learning programmes are established over the coming days. The immediate priority is to keep our students feeling reassured and supported during this uncertain time. Until remote learning programmes are established I encourage you to simply spend time with your children reassuring them of the plans that are in place to keep NZers safe, read with them, play games, sing, dance and enjoy family time together.

Please be patient with us while we get these systems established.

As you will be aware the situation continues to develop and change rapidly. I encourage you to keep yourself regularly informed using the Ministry of Health Website.

<https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>

Take care,
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