

Bruce McLaren Intermediate School

Principal Update: 4 May 2020

Kia ora koutou katoa

I hope that you are all safe and well in Alert Level 3 Lockdown Learning with your physical distancing and restrictions while in your bubble.

At Alert Level 3 we have limited ability to operate the tight restrictions for a 'bubble' at school and want to ensure that we keep everyone as safe as possible – being at home is the best option. Thank you to our supportive parents, caregivers and whanau for helping us with this.

We are firmly in Alert Level 3 but are preparing for Alert Level 2 and what that may look like for us at school.

The Ministry of Education are meeting with the Government on Wednesday to finalise the criteria of how schools are to look and operate – therefore we will be informed late Wednesday evening.

However, we are usually ahead of the MOE and Government, so these are our thoughts to date (which will be confirmed and posted on SkoolLoop, FB & Website by Thursday):

- Some students return to school where needed
- The continuation of home learning/online learning continues with every student being able to work on their learning journey through specifically designated learning packs for a few and with the 155 chromebooks having been distributed to our students.
- Bubble operations adhered to – physical distancing; hygiene; limited staffing and students on site.

I hope that your child/ren has shown you the weekly montage of our learning AND the staff video we have made for the students – we are all missing them.

Work continues at school with building developments, refurbishments and battling the leaves.

It is great to hear from the staff how our students are working positively with their tasks. Thank you for also checking in with the staff. We are working hard to ensure that our students are having a positive experience in this unprecedented time.

I am rapt to receive photos of our students in action with their learning and have viewed much of the work that teachers have collated during this time – a comprehensive source of evidence of learning.

Thank you to all the parents, caregivers and whanau who have had to return to work for your efforts in keeping our nation progressing.

It is extremely rewarding to know that we are winning the battle of COVID-19, unlike other nations. We can only do this if we follow the restrictions.

If you are looking for a way to support our community, check out this great website: <https://sosbusiness.nz/>

Keep safe, keep warm, keep well and stay at home.

Kia kaha, kia toa, kia manawanui.

We've got this!

Nga mihi

Liz Wood - Principal