

Bruce McLaren Intermediate School

Principal Update: 11 May 2020

Kia ora koutou katoa

Week 5 in Lockdown Learning. THANK YOU TO PARENTS/CAREGIVERS/WHANAU for your continued support in this crazy COVID time.

As you will be aware, the Prime Minister will make an announcement at 4pm today as to what status the country will be in. **Fingers are crossed** that we get to Alert Level 2.

What this may look like:

When we are at Alert Level 2 – School is open. Bubbles don't exist. Safe practices are in place. Contact tracing is a priority. However, families are supported by the school to continue online learning at home – a parental preference.

When we are at Alert Level 2, school will:

- Open gates at 8:20am – close gates at 3:10pm
- Have students go directly to class in the morning – no playing outside
- Operate in our 4 class whanau with designated areas for breaks and bathrooms
- Classrooms are the home base for students
- Not open Pit Stop – students are to bring their own food and water bottle (this is not to be shared)
- Not open drinking fountains - individual water bottle to be used
- Stress an arm's length apart – no hugging, hand shaking, hongis-ing
- Provide sanitizer for students to use at each learning station
- Encourage students to keep hygiene to a high standard
- Call parents to collect any student who does not abide by the MOH guidelines
- Call parents to collect any student showing symptoms of being unwell
- Remind parents that they are responsible for their children outside of the school times

When we know more, we will inform our community with an outline of how we will operate in Alert Level 2 (or 2.5).

Reminder: It is important that, not only during this time of online learning but all of the time, parents/caregivers and whanau know what their children are doing when they are online.

At school, we have safeguards in place, blocking tools and filters to support the safety of our students. At home, we are not there to help you with this. Keep an eye on all the apps and the devices your child is using under your roof. There are unscrupulous apps and inappropriate behaviours of a few using the web that neither you nor I wish for your child to be exposed to.

A great place for tips and advice is at: <https://www.netsafe.org.nz/online-safety-parent-toolkit/> KEEP EVERYONE SAFE!

So as we wait, may you be warm and happy in your bubble.

The next communication will be Wednesday, 13 May 2020.

Stay well, stay safe and stay at home!

WE'VE GOT THIS!

Kia kaha, kia toa, kia manawanui!

Nga mihi

Liz Wood
Principal