

Bruce McLaren Intermediate School

Principal's Update: 14 February 2021

Alert Level 3 – Week 3, Term 1, 2021 Alert Level Learning

Kia ora koutou katoa

Alert Level 3: (Monday, 15 – Wednesday, 17 February)

Thank you to our amazing school community for helping us stay safe during this short time at Alert Level 3. Our teachers and staff will be in contact with our school families – in some way, shape or form re: students being monitored on site at school during Alert Level 3 and school work for home learning for this short time.

There is ONLINE INSTRUCTION from teachers on Monday. If your child does not have a device – other tasks will be set to carry out at home during this short time. Please be patient as we get underway. The school has only had our students for two short weeks and half of our school cohort is new!

Here are other things to note:

Any child who **can't** be supervised at home by an appropriate person,
needs a family member to read the following:

Students who do attend from Monday – school life will not be as you know it. It is NOT a time for friends! Students will be monitored as they continue online learning. Programmes at school and at home will be the same – where possible.

- The school MUST have notification if your child is using the bus – the driver will NOT stop for any student waiting who has not registered through the school. Please email admin@brucemclaren.school.nz to register.
- School opens at 8:30a.m. Any student who needs to be at school will enter through the Hall Foyer and sanitize. **Arrival from 8:30 for 9:00am start and dismissal time is 3:00pm.** Parents/caregivers are responsible for their children before they enter the school gates from 8:30am+ and after 3:00pm, beyond the school gates.
- PIT STOP IS NOT OPEN. Any student who needs to be at school will need to bring their own morning tea and lunch AND water bottle.
- Any student who needs to be at school will be provided with a device to use at school to continue their online learning.
- Physical distancing will apply 1m in class; 2m outside the classroom.
- Any student who needs to be at school will be in a strict bubble of no more than 10, siblings will be kept together.
- There will be no mixing within and between bubbles.
- Students will stay at one desk and one chair.
- Students will not share learning equipment.
- There is no sporting equipment.
- The school library and reception will be closed.
- Break times will be staggered.
- Surfaces will be regularly disinfected.
- Safe hygiene practices will be maintained.
- Hand sanitiser will be used upon entering school grounds, the classroom and in bathrooms.
- Flu-like symptoms must be reported to the school.
- Detailed records will be kept in case of contact tracing.

- Any student who is displaying flu-like symptoms will be sent home.
- **Any student behavioural issues/noncompliance with Alert Level 3 procedures will have the student removed from the school site – parents/caregivers to collect. Student to remain at home for Alert Level 3.**

I apologise if this sounds very bureaucratic, but it is necessary at this time – in Alert Level 3.

NOTE: Should a child arrive at school and is NOT on our registered list of the very few students needing to attend school, the child will be isolated until such time as staffing and bubble placement has been allocated. **We must follow the strict guidelines that we have been directed to follow by the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health.** Please support us by ensuring this does not happen.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to all our parents and whanau for working to keep our country open during this pandemic.

Thank you to everyone for your support of our teachers. Your positive feedback to our team, when they are working so hard while still working to keep themselves safe, is always appreciated.

I hope all is well with you and your bubble.

Stay safe, stay well AND stay at home – if you are able.

We've been here before. We're here for each other.

Kia kaha, kia toa, kia manawanui.

Nga mihi

Liz Wood - Principal