

14 August 2020

Dear families of Green Bay School

Thank you once again for your support over the last 3 days by keeping your children at home. We are only open to the children of essential workers.

The Prime Ministers update regarding Auckland remaining at Alert Level 3 on Friday 14 August at 5:30pm clearly indicates the severity of the situation we are faced with. This is a tricky virus and we need to be extremely careful and continue to maintain our hygiene standards to the highest level. Washing and drying your hands often and well helps stop the spread of this virus. We are staying at Level 3 for a further 12 days, until Wednesday 26 August 11.59pm. At which stage we will hear further from the Prime Minister.

Our teachers are all set for on-line learning from Monday 17 August. Please refer to the emails you have received from the Whanau Leaders of your children in this regard. Please note that different Whanau will be using systems of communication best suited for their student's learning and Year levels. Hard copies and devices have been handed out to families today who needed them.

Our main concern over this time is that young school-aged children are now contracting COVID-19. We offer our support and thoughts to the schools affected and their school communities. We are working hard as a country to overcome this virus and it is important that we all support one another and not judge. As the Director General of Health, Dr Ashley Bloomfield states "the problem is the virus, not the people, people are the solution. There is no blame or stigma attached to anyone having COVID-19 and we should treat each other as we would want to be treated, with dignity and respect."

We will continue to update you as we receive further information.

In the meantime, stay home, stay safe and be kind.

Arohanui

He whānau kotahi tātou - We are one family

Regards

Anand Muthoo

Principal

Green Bay School