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Kia ora koutou

We hope that Term 2 and our distance learning programme has been a success for you so far. We know there may have been any number of challenges for you to deal with over the last few weeks and we acknowledge the efforts you have all made! We have been getting some great feedback about the learning that is happening and thank you for all your support.

Yesterday the Government decided that we will move into **Alert Level 3 on 28 April**. That means we will be open to receive **students from the 29 April**. We will start to prepare our site this week.

The key message for you is that if you can, you should keep your child at home. You should only physically send your child to school if you need to. If your child has a health condition that means they are at a greater risk of a severe illness you must keep them at home. If your child is sick please also ensure you keep them at home.

The Ministry of Education has advised that they are working closely with The Ministry of Health to develop clear guidance that will support schools to safely re-open their premises to students and staff. This will help us work through the public health requirements that we all need to meet. Some of these guidelines include:

- 1 teacher to a maximum of 10 students (form their own class bubble).
- Students will sit in the same place each day with 1m physical distance.
- We will maintain 2 metre physical distance outside and 1m distance inside during breaks.
- The following distancing is also for staff i.e. they will maintain a 1m physical distance at all times from students and other staff.
- Physical education classes and breaktime activities cannot include sports with <2m physical distance or where the same equipment is touched by different students (balls, ropes, sticks, etc). Netball, basketball etc will not be allowed.
- Regular hand washing and sanitiser.

We also have a number of staff who will be unable to teach for a variety of reasons eg health, age, caring for others etc

To assist us with planning can you please complete the google form ([click here. it will also be emailed and posted onto Facebook](#)). We need to find out whether your child will be attending school and are also seeking feedback on how the learning at home is progressing.

I want to assure you that we will continue to support your child's learning at home as we progress our planning for what Alert Level 3 will mean for you and for our school. We will

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be in touch again soon with more information. As you have been doing, please keep connecting with your teachers with any questions you might have.

Thank you again to all our amazing people who have been our **essential workers** during the lockdown period. Ka mau te wehi!

Finally I would also like to thank our **awesome staff** for their professionalism during this pandemic. They are all working hard and as with many of our school families a number of our staff are also looking after their own children, caring for older family members and have partners who have been working during the past weeks as well as juggling teaching requirements and meetings. You guys have been awesome!

Please share this newsletter around our Kapakapanui community. We want everyone of our school families to have read and understood these messages. This is particularly important for any of our families whose first language is not english.

Please feel free to contact me via email craig.vidulich@kapanui.school.nz or call me directly on 027 407 8834 if you have any questions or queries.

Ngā mihi nui

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