



TE RAPA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Operating Under Alert Level 4 Protocols

Wednesday 18th August 2021

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Good Morning Te Rapa families

As you know the Government announced at 6pm last night that we are now in an **Alert Level 4 Lockdown** for a period of 3 x days.

Te Rapa Primary School is closed until Monday 23rd August.

It is really important we do everything we can to keep our community safe.

Alert Level 4 means we need to stay home in our bubbles and avoid any travelling as much as possible. Supermarkets, pharmacies, foodbanks and other essential services will be open, but remember to wear a face covering if you are out and about (even a scarf wrapped around your mouth and nose will help).

Check in using the NZ COVID Tracer App wherever you go and please also keep a distance from people you don't know and wash your hands well and often, especially before and after using any public facilities.

Just as we have done in the past our school will look to be proactive with communication through a variety of mediums, so please keep an eye on our school APP, our school's website and any emails sent to you by your child's class teacher.

Unfortunately the 6pm announcement last night did not allow our Te Rapa staff to distribute take home learning packs to our students or set up home learning programmes either.

Therefore ... there is no expectation that school work is done for this short 3 x day lockdown period.

Please focus on your family bubble, and your wellbeing and that of your children.

Please go to the Ministry of Health website if you have recently visited Auckland or the Coromandel region. There is a list of locations where the confirmed case has visited while they were considered to be infectious. If you were at one of those locations and at the same time as specified on the website, then please follow the relevant instructions to isolate and potentially to get tested. Please keep checking that webpage as new locations may be identified over time.

Our focus as always will be to support the learning, safety and wellbeing of our students and our families, and the families of our Te Rapa school staff too.

I am sure that they too are also carefully considering their own family bubbles at this time, so let's work together to ensure communications are via email only and are during normal work hours eg. 8am - 4.30pm on school days.

If the lockdown extends into next week, we will communicate with you regarding how we might go about creating and setting up online learning programmes via email ... just as we did last year.

In the meantime, and only if time allows you to do so, please consider ideas for "home based" learning for your children next week and beyond that could be easily implemented at home by you (parents / carers).

Thanks to everyone for your continued assistance and / or support (small or large).

Please stay safe and stay healthy.

Kind Regards
V W Franklin
Principal