



# TE RAPA PRIMARY SCHOOL

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

*Operating Under Alert Level 4 Protocols*

Tuesday 24 August 2021

## Parent & Carer Update

Good Afternoon Te Rapa Families

I think we had all anticipated a further extension of Alert Level 4, and the Prime Minister has confirmed this. The Alert Level will be reviewed on Friday afternoon, but for now Alert Level 4 will remain in place until 11:59pm Friday 27 August.

This means our school site remains closed until Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

Despite this news, it is really pleasing to see Alert Level 4 is having its impact on the number of confirmed cases, with numbers not dramatically increasing as they would likely have done if we had been at a lower Alert Level.

Distance learning programmes will continue for our Te Rapa students.

There is a lot we can all do to protect our families and our community from COVID-19 including:

- Everyone must continue to stay home in their bubble under Alert Level 4 guidelines
  - Do not mix with other household bubbles
- As new cases are identified, *new locations of interest are added to the Ministry of Health website* – please keep checking this. You can search by your location and they are sorted by date, so you only need to check the locations which have been added when you last checked
- Wash your hands regularly, especially when you have been out to get essential items, exercise or similar
  - Wear a face covering when out and about, and you **MUST** wear a face covering in any businesses or services which are open at Alert Level 4 (unless you have specifically been exempted from doing so, which includes anyone aged under 12)
- Keep a two-metre distance from people outside your household bubble
- Check in using the *NZ COVID Tracer App* wherever you go or keep a manual record (a reminder the App only stores information on your own phone – no one else will know who it is that checked in, or when)

You can go to the *COVID19.govt.nz website if you would like more information on Alert Level 4 requirements.*

Staying in lockdown under the Alert Level 4 protocols beyond Monday is possible, but as parents / carers please also anticipate a pending move to Alert Level 3 too.

### Surveying Parents / Carers of Te Rapa Students

As a school we need to get ready for a pending shift to Alert Level 3.

#### (1) Collecting “School” Prepared Take Home Packs – Under Alert Level 3 ONLY

Teachers have been asked to survey all parents / carers and perhaps students in their class too asking who would visit our school under Alert Level 3 protocols to collect a school prepared take home pack if it was made available.

***This ensures school staff are only making the correct number of packs for those who want them, and will collect them.***

***Note - We are not doing home deliveries, nor are we posting out packs / resources ... packs would need to be collected.***

#### (2) Children of acknowledged “Essential Workers” ONLY .... attending school Under Alert Level 3

The right thing to do is to keep all children at home in your bubble with you under Alert Level 3.

Later this week we will send home a form to all parents / carers asking you to indicate if ...

- you are an “acknowledged” essential worker,
- what role you have as an acknowledged essential worker, and
- if you intend sending your child(ren) to school under Alert Level 3 when you are working as an essential worker.

This will be sent home via. our school APP and also as an email via. your child's class teacher.

This information will allow us to determine which children are **approved** to attend our school under Alert Level 3 protocols.

#### **Please Note**

Children are to stay at home under Alert Level 3, and they can only be at our school under Alert Level 3 protocols if they are the child of an acknowledged essential worker who is at work, and you (parent / carer) cannot arrange child care for your child because you are working at that time as an essential worker.

#### **Learning from Home : Distance Learning - Alert Level 4**

I am grateful to all of our Te Rapa Primary School staff who are busy working from home to keep our Te Rapa students busy "learning" in their homes too. This is important.

I want to say "**thank you**" to our parents / carers too who are also working hard at home, and who are making things interesting and fun for your children (our students) whilst they are learning from home.

You are all doing a great job providing relevant learning opportunities for our children, and although the learning tasks etc. the school is currently providing are only online / digital at present, we know that it will also be in the form of hard packs very soon too.

#### **Roll Out of MOE funded "Free" Hard Copy Packs**

The MOE has indicated that Auckland will be the first to receive these rolled-out MOE funded hard packs where these are needed. As they did last time secondary schools will be first.

Further information about distribution, delivery and timings for other regions eg. Waikato, will be advised.

**Parents & Carers ....** What is important is that we have your child's **up-to-date "bubble" address**, which could be different to your usual home address.

Please email your child's teacher ASAP to confirm the correct "delivery" address for your bubble.

As this "delivery address" is received it will be recorded / collated by our school so this data can go through to MOE Wellington when required. This will be critical so your child is logged to get a free MOE funded hard pack when the distribution programme starts.

#### **Television**

The MOE will be commencing live education television broadcasting this week on both TVNZ and Māori TV. Your child's teacher will advise when you can expect the first shows to air. Please take full advantage of this programming once it begins.

#### **Available On-Line Resources**

The MOE have confirmed that their **Learning from Home** website has print-friendly (for you at home) online resources that can be used to create tailored / meaningful learning tasks for students.

These resources are available at the **Supporting learning from home resources** page on Learning from Home.

Curriculum teaching and learning resources (with guidance for parents) can also be found online **here for English-medium** and **here for Māori-medium**.

Home Learning TV can be **accessed On Demand here** or via the TVNZ App on a device (mobile phone, smart TV or tablet).

**Thanks to everyone for your anticipated assistance so far (small or large).**

**Please stay safe and stay healthy.**

Kind Regards  
V W Franklin  
Principal