

Te Rapa Primary School



Newsletter Tuesday 21st April 2020 School Student Roll : 541

Dear Parents / Carers

The Prime Minister announced late yesterday that schools will open on Wednesday 29th April (next week) for students who need to attend school because their parents / carers are essential service workers or they are personnel required to return to work under Alert Level 3 criteria.

NOTE - All other students are to continue working from home.

We will continue to provide a ***distance learning programme*** for all students during Alert Level 3, and this programme is for both students working from home and also those students who are at school during Alert Level 3.

Parents / carers are reminded that under Alert Level 3 our school will **not be operating regular classes**. Students who are at school will be following the same distance learning programme as students who are working from home.

Students at school during this Alert Level 3 period will be formed into pods / groups of approx. 10 students, as per the Ministry of Health guidelines. These pods will be supervised by Te Rapa staff throughout the day.

Children will not be interacting with each other as normal, so social distancing will be adhered to as per the Ministry of Health guidelines for all persons during Alert level 3.

To help us better prepare for the return of Alert level 3 students next Wednesday we will be asking parents / carers to indicate if your child(ren) will be returning. Please Note - ***This information will be asked of you later this week.***

If you are a parent / carer who meets the Alert Level 3 criteria and you intend to send your child(ren) to school from Wednesday 29th April, please note that

- children are expected to attend every school day from that time onwards just as they would if school was operating again as normal, and
- if your child is not attending on any given day, you will need to contact the school in the usual way to confirm that they will be absent from school. You will also need to share the reason for their non-attendance just as you normally would if school was operating as normal.

Thank you for your assistance in ensuring we can create a smooth transition for those students who do have to return to school next Wednesday under Alert Level 3.

We ask you to remember that the Prime Minister has asked all parents / carers to keep your children at home, learning remotely via distance learning, if it is at all possible during COVID-19 Alert Level 3.

Please support our teachers and support staff once we make the next transition to Alert Level #3, and the best way to do that will be to ***keep your children at home with you***, and the only children at school will be those children who “need to be at school” so their parents / carers can get out there in our community to keep us all safe and well, and keep things moving forward for our community and our country.

Thank you for your continued support of Te Rapa Primary *Waikato Top School* 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 & 2019
..... a full primary school where ***“everyone knows your child’s name”***

V W Franklin (Principal) and Staff