



# TE RAPA PRIMARY SCHOOL

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Good Morning Te Rapa families

### Courtesy Update .....

The announcement by the Prime Minister late yesterday afternoon confirmed that we will be moving to Alert Level 2 later this week.

**Our school will formally re-open next week on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May.**

Staff at Te Rapa Primary will work industriously Monday – Thursday this week to maintain the distance programmes already being offered to our students learning from home, and continue accommodating children attending school under Alert Level 3.

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May we will have a Teacher Only Day (Preparation Day) so all Te Rapa staff have an opportunity to focus on readying our school, our work spaces, our planning and ourselves for those students returning on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May.

**There is a huge amount for us to do.**

<u>Key dates are</u> ...	Mon. 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Govt. announce we move to Alert Level 2 on Thursday
	Mon. 11 <sup>th</sup> May – Thurs. 14 <sup>th</sup> May	(1) Distance Learning continues (2) School continues for Alert Level 3 students ONLY
	Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> May	NZ moves to Alert Level 2
	Fri. 15 <sup>th</sup> May	<i>Teacher Only Day</i> <b><u>NO School for any Students</u> .....</b> <b><u>Preparation Day</u></b>
	Mon. 18 <sup>th</sup> May	<b><u>Confirmed</u></b> <b>School formally re-opens at 8.30am under Alert Level 2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Classes commence 9am</li><li>• Classes end at 3pm</li></ul>

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May** this week will be a **Preparation Day**.

There will be **no school for students** (Alert Level 3) and **no Distance Learning** happening on this day.

Our school has a very small window of time to set up our classrooms, our workspaces, our planning and to organise our school. We also need to organise Health & Safety requirements, check on cleaning and hygiene and of course ready ourselves too. Te Rapa Primary School staff will be using their time wisely this week to prepare for a formal return to school next week.

### **Distance Learning Programmes ..... and Alert Level 3 Students at School**

Children are able to continue distance learning Monday to Thursday this week.

Note - No programmes on Friday.

Children at school under Alert Level 3 are able to attend Monday to Thursday.

Note – not on Friday.

### **Parents / Carers .... Ready your Child(ren) for School**

NOTE – These are considerations Only ....

Once the restrictions are lifted under Alert Level 2 this week your child might need some stationery items, winter shoes / socks, a haircut or a warm winter top. Perhaps a check-up with their Dr / dentist or a chemist visit maybe. Some warm track pants, or perhaps a lunch box maybe or a non-glass drink bottle too. Maybe Nana or Granma has a new knitted jersey / scarf / beanie to be collected.

### **Week #1 .... Transitioning Children Back to School from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

We are a large city school, and we recognise that having a large number of students all returning on Monday next week may not be the best way to help every child 'return' successfully.

Children's well-being is important and there may be some students whose parents / carers are anxious about their child's return to school, as indeed the students themselves might be. In these instances, please liaise with your child's class teacher and work together to arrange a gradual transition period back to school over the first 2 – 3 days of next week.

### **Children NOT Returning to School at all under Alert Level 2**

It is totally understandable that some Te Rapa parents / carers may choose to keep your children at home during Alert Level 2. We understand the rationale' for some parents / carers choosing to do this, and therefore having your child(ren) return at Alert Level 1.

If you do decide to keep your children at home during Alert Level 2 then please let your child's class teacher(s) know.

#### Learning at Home

Parents / carers keeping your children at home during Alert Level 2 will need to tailor a 'learning from home' programme for your children yourself. Our class teachers will be back in their classrooms full-time, so they are not available to plan and provide distance learning programmes. Their responsibility is to their classroom and the normal face to face programme(s).

#### Take Home Resources

Parents / carers wanting additional take home resources to supplement / support what you plan to do at home with your child during Alert Level 2 will need to liaise with your child's class teacher. Note - *We do not have devices available to loan out.*

Parents / carers who cannot provide supervision or who cannot tailor a 'learning from home' programme for their child(ren) should send their child to school during Alert Level 2.

### **Please remember ....**

#### **Sick Children**

# If a student is not feeling well, they must not attend school, so please keep them at home.

# Under Alert Level 2 we will send anyone home immediately if they show any sign of not feeling well.

### **IMPORTANT**

#### **Contact Tracing - Monitoring "Who" is at our School**

Contact tracing at our school is important, so we need to have an accurate record to identify anyone / everyone who is on our school site, and who has been in close contact with another person or persons.

#### **Reminder PLEASE HELP US**

Parents / carers are asked to not come into the school and / or onto the school grounds during Alert Level 2. This reduces the need to 'contact tracing'. If it is unavoidable, then you must visit the school's administration office.

As we have done in Alert Level 3, parents / carers are asked to ...

- (1) remain in your vehicle if parked in the school driveway at both drop-off and pick-up (have your children come to you).
- (2) park on the road and walk your children to the school front (drop off). Allow them to walk into the school independently.
- (3) park on the road and walk to the school front, but remain on the footpath (pick up). Your children will come to you.

Thanks to everyone for the assistance and / or support (small or large) so far. Any encouragement received to-date has made our job(s) a little easier, and any positive support always helps. **THANK YOU ....**

Stay safe and stay healthy my friends.

Kind Regards  
V W Franklin  
Principal

