

Kia ora koutou

As we all await the announcement this afternoon regarding alert levels and what will happen next, we wanted to connect with you to update you a wee bit.

Our primary method of communicating with you all remains the school [FaceBook page](#) and there are several posts there that will be of use if you need additional support. If you do need help with anything at all, please contact us, and we will do our very best to help or connect you with someone who can. Again, you can find all contact details for our school [here](#).

We all have many questions that are starting to form about what will happen next. Whilst we do have the learnings from last year to fall back on, as yet decisions about term dates, NCEA examination dates, credit adjustments (NCEA), etc have yet to be made. Much like last year, we will let you know immediately when decisions are made. The important thing right now is to stay home and care for those around you.

Our online leaning programme at Papatoetoe High School is very much up and running and teachers have been setting work and trying to contact students over recent days. You can help by checking in with your child and having a conversation about what they have been asked to do, when zoom or team meetings have been arranged, and if they have any deadlines coming up. We found last year that parents/caregivers were essential in ensuring we can connect with our students and in helping to motivate students to remain connected online.

### **School grounds**

A big thank you for taking the lockdown seriously and doing what we have been asked – we've seen before that staying at home will break the chain of transmission and save lives. It is even more important that we all follow the health advice because the Delta variant is very contagious.

Breaking the rules risks the health of those close to you, the wider community and could result in the lock down period being extended.

Please remember that the school school grounds remain closed at Alert Level 4 and we cannot have the playing fields used as a place to exercise or gather.

### **Information hub for Pasifika parents and families**

Kia orana, Noa'ia, Talofa lava, Mauri, Mālō e Ielei, Tālofa, Ni Sa Bula Vinaka, Fakaalofa lahi atua and Mālō ni, the Ministry of Education created an online info hub for Pasifika parents, families and communities to support learning during Alert Level 4. You can find the information hub [here](#). We encourage you to check the info hub page regularly – it will be updated daily.

### **Information for migrant communities: Golden rules for Alert Level 4**

The Ministry for Ethnic Communities | Te Tari Mātāwaka has just released some videos in different languages about the 'Golden rules for Level 4'. Click [here](#) to have a look at the videos they have prepared.

Once again, thanks for all you are doing to support the elimination strategy in New Zealand and do reach out if you need anything.

Ma whero ma pango ka oti ai te mahi

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