

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Hello everyone,

We have been back at school just over a week now so I thought we'd provide a brief overview of how we've been managing under Alert Level 2.

- Students and whanau arriving at school in the morning and entering through the main entrance has worked well. It means we know who has entered the school and we can ensure students are not on the grounds prior to 8.30am.
- There is plenty of parking for drop offs in the mornings as staff are parking well away from the school.
- We do expect parents and whanau to sign in at the office before entering the school. This will be a great help towards meeting our contact tracing requirements.
- Teachers and students have worked really well to maintain high levels of hygiene and meet the social connecting requirements for schools.
- There will be no assemblies and all upcoming interschool events have been cancelled.
- 17 students are learning from home and to accommodate this we've needed to make adjustments to staffing so teachers are available for this role.
- The wellbeing of our students is really important and staff members have been allocated support roles if required. Staff have participated in wellbeing professional development to make sure we understand the needs of students transitioning back to school.
- Staggered release times at the end of the day for our junior classes has worked well.

Much of the smooth transition back to school has been dependent on the wonderful support from our community and we sincerely thank everyone for that.

Our staff have been fantastic throughout all the Alert Levels. Initially everyone had to organise home learning within a day or two, assemble resources, quickly come to grips with technology, attend to the many and varied requests from whanau and cope with a range of new challenges. Staff supported each other by planning collaboratively. Support staff were fully involved within this new environment so providing- learning opportunities for students.

Challenging times, so a big thank you to everyone. Alert Level 2 looks like being with us for a while and we know you will all continue to work with us to support students learning and wellbeing.

Keep checking the school website and app for our daily updates.

Stephen Snell
Principal

Update from the Ministry of Education

We have been asked by the Ministry of Education to send in our data around attendance each week, starting from the 29th May.

- This information will be reported to the National Crisis Monitoring Centre and government on levels of attendance during the COVID-19 period
- It will inform and support Ministry planning for students and schools returning to normal operation, and be used to evaluate and report on the effectiveness of initiatives implemented by the Ministry to respond and manage its response to COVID-19.

REMINDERS

- ⇒ 4 Day Weekend this weekend -TEACHER ONLY DAY on FRIDAY and Queens Birthday's on MONDAY
- ⇒ PLEASE DO NOT ENTER the school grounds until you have been to the office to sign in . Children being picked up during the day need to be signed out at the office on the VisTab. Everyone must continue to use the main entrance to enter the school grounds.
- ⇒ Please do not drop children off before 8.30am in the mornings.
- ⇒ Immunisation forms for Years 7 and 8 –There are still some to be returned from last term.
- ⇒ PHOTOLIFE STUDIOS will be coming to school on Monday 27th July . They will do all our classroom, individual, sibling and sports teams in the one day.
- ⇒ NO FRIDAY CANTEEN till further notice
- ⇒ Our South School Dental Clinic is now open from Monday to Thursday and they can be contacted on 3747361. Please ring the clinic first for an appointment.



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- Art work and learnings

