



# Buckland School Mini Newsletter

Buckland School is committed to providing quality education that engages all students fully in a wide range of learning experiences that will assist them in preparing for the challenges of the future.

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## Kia Ora Buckland School Whanau and Community Members

- ◆ I trust that this newsletter finds you safe and well. It has been wonderful to see the learning that students have been able to do and the positive way the majority have embraced distance learning from home. Congratulations to you parents for all that you are exposing your children to and thanks for the support you are giving them and their teachers. We have been receiving some great feedback and teachers have appreciated this. I do acknowledge that in many cases that learning at home is difficult and that school-based work may not always be the priority so please keep it realistic and manageable.
- ◆ Our nation is still in Level 4 Lock-down and this continues until Monday 27 April at 11.59 p.m. when the Government decided yesterday that New Zealand will move to Alert Level 3.
- ◆ On the 28 April there will be a Teacher Only Day
- ◆ On 29 April school will be open to receive children who are unable to stay at home. The key message for you is that if you can, you should keep your child at home. You should only physically send your child to school if you need to. If your child has a health condition that means they are at a greater risk of a severe illness and you must keep them at home. If your child is sick please also ensure you keep them at home.
- ◆ The Government wants the vast majority of people working and learning from home. I want to assure you that we will continue to support your child's learning at home. As you have been doing, please keep connecting with your teachers with any questions you might have. They are available through their emails from 9—3 p.m. Those children who need to attend onsite will be completing the same work as those at home are being given.

◆ At present I am identifying staff who will be available to work onsite during Alert Level 3.

◆ **I require parents to inform me by 4 p.m. this Thursday 23 April if your child/children will be attending during Alert 3. Please email me: [principal@buckland.school.nz](mailto:principal@buckland.school.nz) It is vital that I get this information as quickly as possible as there is a great deal of work to be done to prepare for 29 April.**

◆ In order to ensure the safety of those children and our staff who do come to school, we will be operating with strict enforcement of health and safety measures. At present the Ministry of Education is continuing to work with health to develop clear guidance that will support us to safely re-open our premises. This will help us work through the public health requirements that we all need to meet. As you will be doing, we want to be sure that what we do will keep our community as safe as possible. We have been advised that initially each bubble will be limited to 10 students, there will be staggered entry and exit times, parent drop-off and pick-ups will be outside the school grounds, Breaks, start and finish times will be staggered.

◆ There will be **no** after school care during alert 3 to reduce the risk of mixing between different groups of children.

◆ This is a message that our MP Andrew Bayly has asked me to forward to our children and their families: 'Given our communities are not able to commemorate ANZAC Day this year, can I make a suggestion; could students, of all ages, make a poppy (whether it is of paper, cardboard, plastic, fabric, wool, even wood...) Poppies could be attached to home gate posts or letterboxes on ANZAC Day so that anyone passing can see them and have a visual reminder of the significance of 25 April for us all. Take care of yourselves and your families. I look forward to resuming my visits to you once we are in a Level which allows that.

Kind regards Andrew

◆ **Don't forget the Home learning television—Home Learning TV | Papa Kāinga TV, on TVNZ, is running from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on school days on TVNZ2+1 and Sky channel 502. through an integrated approach to curriculum.**

◆ A further resource is the new website called '**Learning from Home.**'

**As further information becomes available I will be in touch again.**

Our country can be proud of what we have achieved so far but now is not the time to relax, we must continue to be vigilant and do what is being asked of us. We do not want to lose the gains we have made. Be kind to yourselves and others.

Together we will get through this!  
Kia Kaha  
Kindest Regards  
Mavis Glasgow  
Principal

