



Kia ora koutou

Well here we are! School is now closed until we are instructed that we are able to open again. This includes the grounds and playground. I cannot say enough about the work and time our staff and helpers have put in to prepare work for the tamariki as well as help prepare our school for shutting down. A huge thank you to our cleaners who have put in huge hours to make sure our school is clean and disinfected before we close the doors. We are blessed to have such an awesome team at Koruanui School.

Over the past few days you have heard from me a lot as we have tried to get information and messages out to you about COVID-19 and the impact of this for us as a school, as well as for you and your whanau. This will likely be my last message for a few of days, as it is now time for me to focus on my family as we prepare ourselves for the lockdown tonight, as are the staff of our school.

This is a moment in time, that for many of us across the country we have never experienced before, so how we act and react during this time is important as it will help shape how we manage ourselves and respond to those around us.

At midnight tonight our country will move into Alert Level 4 – Eliminate. It is important that we all play our part in helping prevent the spread of COVID-19. This means the people in your immediate “bubble” are the only people that you should interact with.

What does it mean to be at Alert Level 4 – Eliminate?

Range of measures (can be applied locally or nationally)

- People instructed to stay at home
- Educational facilities closed
- Businesses closed except for essential services (e.g. supermarkets, pharmacies, clinics) and lifeline utilities
- Rationing of supplies and requisitioning of facilities
- Travel severely limited
- Major reprioritization of healthcare services
- Check all information on the official government site: <https://covid19.govt.nz/>
- If you have any concerns about your health or that of those around you please your GP or the Healthline (for free) on **0800 358 5453**.

Information about learning and support:

The majority of home learning packs have now been collected from school or delivered within Stokes Valley. These have been provided so there is something for the children to work on during their time away from school. Please remember the school holiday period has been moved forward and will now begin on Monday 30 March and run through until Monday 13 April. Following this time, it is expected that children will be learning from home until we receive information that this will end. Don't rush them into their work, take some time to enjoy being together and do something fun now as this will help set the tone for the weeks ahead.

School Library

We are happy to open our school library for books to be returned and new books to be issued while the children are off school. This will be by appointment so we can maintain the distance and hygiene conditions. If you would like to access our library, please contact us in the office email address or complete the form at this link <https://koraunui.school.nz/contact-us/parental-library-login-form/>.

Teachers will be in contact with their classes to check in and see how everyone is going. If you or your child need to contact your teacher, you can do this via email. Teachers email addresses are
Rm 23 maria.joe@koraunui.school.nz, Room 4 dale.ritossa@koraunui.school.nz,
Room 5 beth.jones@koraunui.school.nz, Room 8 sharron.handscomb@koraunui.school.nz,
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Students have a range of work sheets available in the pack or have the ability to learn on-line through StudyLadder. (We will provide more information about this soon). This website will provide you with some information about learning at home <https://learningfromhome.govt.nz/>

If you have any general inquiries or urgent questions or concerns, or need any assistance during the time the school is closed please email: office@koraunui.school.nz this email address will be checked by me, Gillian McPeake and the office staff regularly over the break and daily after the 14 April. We will do all we can to provide support and advice during this time.

We will be putting out regular updates about our school and plans for learning while the school is closed. This information will be on our Facebook page, emails and school website <https://koraunui.school.nz/>, please check these regularly for communication from the school.

Please check emails each day to be aware of any changes or important messages. A key message time would be **3pm each day** for any updates.

Looking after each other:

This can be a time we you may feel stress, worry and anxiety about what is happening and the impact of this for you. It is important to remember to take some time for yourself, get in the garden, go for a walk, read a book or whatever it is that helps you centre yourself. Everyone needs to feel good within themselves before they can help those around them.

- Take time for yourself
- Spend time with the people in your bubble
- Connect with those you can not physically be with in any way you can, especially those who are alone
- Don't rush and feel like you need to everything at once, slowing down is good for the soul
- Most importantly, be kind to yourself and those around you

If everyone can do these things, we will all get through this in a positive way.

Remember to keep washing those hands and keep up social distance as much as possible.

Ngā mihi nui

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