



Kia ora koutou

Thank you to everyone who came into school today to collect their children's home learning packs. I would like to thank Barbara Hay and the awesome team who helped put these packs together in such a quick time, and help distribute these, so we could provide work for the children so quickly when the decision was made to close schools.

Wednesday 25 March – tomorrow children of parents who work in essential businesses (these were listed on yesterday's letter) are able to send their children to school so they can plan for the weeks ahead. School will finish at 2.00pm as normal for a Wednesday and will be closed until further notice. Children will need to be collected from school by 2.00pm. At this stage the nation-wide Alert Level 4 – Eliminate lock down will be for 4 weeks. We will provide updates about when we are likely to reopen as we receive this information.

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/>

Self-isolation:

If you need to have your child/children cared for by someone else, you will need to identify that person or people as a part of your self-isolated group. This will need to be done by midnight Wednesday and the group must remain the same for the whole 4-week period. This means the caregivers group (e.g. their partner and children) your own group (your partner and children) all become one group. This group needs to be limited to minimize any risk of spread and should be no more than 20 people. Information about self-isolation can be found at <https://covid19.govt.nz/how-were-uniting/self-isolation/>

Who needs to self-isolate?

- Anyone who has returned from overseas travel should be self-isolating.
- If you arrived before official border restrictions were announced, seeing out the balance of your 14 days in self-isolation is the sensible, safest and best thing you can do for the community around you.
- If you develop symptoms of COVID-19 like a cough, fever, shortness of breath, sneezing or a runny nose, call your GP (doctor).
- If you do not have a GP call Healthline (for free) on **0800 358 5453**.
- Register as self-isolating with Healthline Online at <https://healthy.org.nz/register>

Advice for self-isolation:

- **Stay at home**, and take simple, common-sense steps to avoid close contact with other people as much as possible, like you would with the flu.
- **Limit your contact with people** other than the family, whānau or companions you travelled with.
- **Avoid face-to-face contact with others.**

Information about learning and support:

All learning from home packs that have not been picked up today can be picked up between 8.00am – 2.00pm tomorrow. Those left at school will be delivered to families so the children have these to work on during the time away from school.

The packs include;

- *An explanation of the pack and what is require of the children, contact information.*
- *Photocopied sheets, lined paper and a workbook.*
- *Stickers to decorate the workbook with.*
- *Library books selected by your child.*
- *A slip of paper with details and login for StudyLadder (online learning site)*

Parents may need to provide their children with a vivid marker pen, colouring pencils and a glue stick.

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,
Room 9 teresa.kenny@koraunui.school.nz, Room 10 harata.biddle@koraunui.school.nz,
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Students and parents can email their teachers for help, to answer any questions or for any support they may require with their learning between 9.00am-12.00pm and 1.00pm-2.00pm. Teachers will endeavor to stay in regular contact with their students.

We would encourage you to set up a timetable that can be followed while the children are working at home. We will provide you with a suggested timetable to help with this.

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/>

KCC and Holiday Programme:

KCC and the planned holiday programme for the April break are both cancelled until school resumes or we receive instructions that we can safely provide these services again. If you are making automatic payments or regular payments, we ask that you put a hold on these until KCC resumes. You may need the money to support yourself and your family in the meantime.

School Accounts

If you are putting money into the school account for your children and wish to withdraw this, please email the office address below requesting this. Please include you name and bank account number as any funds will be paid via internet banking.

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, if there are any changes at all from us.

Looking after each other:

Kindness is an incredibly powerful way to show you are united against COVID-19.

You can make a huge difference by:

- Checking-in on any elderly or vulnerable people
- Looking after anyone that needs help
- Dropping supplies to those at home sick
- Talking to friends, whānau and neighbours to see if they need support
- Connecting with and supporting local clubs and societies.
- These kinds of connections and offers of help will go a long way to getting others through COVID-19.

More than ever this is a time to follow all advice given by the Government and Ministry of Health to minimise the impact of COVID-19.

- We need to look after the elderly particularly and ensure that those who have high health risks are safeguarded as much as possible.
- Take care of each other, make sensible decisions, keep to routines at home, shop sensibly, and stay connected online to friends and family.
- We will get through this, but the more we can do to stay safe and isolated, the more we will be able to minimise the impact.

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

Ngā mihi nui

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