



PUHINUI SCHOOL



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Dear Parents, Caregivers & Families,

Covid-19 Alert Level 3

Welcome, Nau mai, Haere mai! hello, As-salām 'alaykum, Namaste, Nǐ hǎo, Chào bạn, Musta, Noa'ia, Hola, Mauri, Ni sa bula vinaka, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Tālofa, Mālō e lelei, Mālō nī, Talofa lava, and Kia orana.

ALERT LEVEL 3: Unfortunately we find ourselves back in Alert Level 3. We hope all our families are able to make the best of the situation as it is. Our thoughts are with our families who are feeling the strain and we hope there is a silver lining appearing for you. This newsletter is to provide you with a few Covid-19 updates.

THANK YOU PARENTS: We are very fortunate and thankful to have a community of great parents and wider whānau who support us and appreciate that we are here to make a difference for the students we serve. We appreciate the way you work positively with us, especially during these challenging times. Our staff look forward to being back at Alert Level 2 and working with your children again. Let's hope this will happen sooner rather than later. Hopefully if we are positive and things go well it will be this coming Monday (fingers crossed).

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES POSTPONED: Due to our Alert Level 3 Lockdown we have postponed our parent conferences until Week 9, Thursday 8th April. This will give us time to plan and prepare well for the discussions teachers will have with you about your child's learning. Our focus will change slightly as the teachers will have learnt more about your child and their strengths and areas to work on, as opposed to the meet and greet conferences that we would normally do at this time of year. Information about parent conferences will be sent home to families closer to the time.

TERM ONE CALENDAR: For information relating to special events and dates this term please go to the Puhinui School website (<http://www.puhinui.school.nz/>). Up-coming events are shown on the bottom right hand-side of the home page. Underneath there is a link to the school parent calendar. Not all events will be applicable to your child or children but you will be able to note those that are. Please note some events are updated throughout the year due to unforeseen circumstances such as Covid 19 alert level changes.

BUBBLE SCHOOL: We continue to operate bubble school for all families who are required to be at work and who have nobody to look after young children. A reminder we only have a few staff members on site and we ask our parents to please keep your children at home if at all possible. We would like to thank our community for supporting us in this regard.

DIGITAL ON-LINE LEARNING & LEARNING PACKS: Parents are able to pick up learning packs for your child via the Grayson Avenue school entrance. There is a station set up with learning for Junior, Middle and Senior students. The packs have enough learning for your child for the week.

Please don't be afraid to help your child with the work in the pack. At school teachers support the students with their work, and so we would like to encourage you to also help them while they learn at home. We also appreciate that parents will use the isolation time to connect, bond and enjoy having your child at home. So parents please know that this is ok with us too. This is a time for your family to prioritise what you feel is important for your family.

DIGITAL LEARNING FROM HOME: To access learning designed by our teachers please visit the Puhinui Website <https://www.puhinui.school.nz/>. Please note the MOE also has the learning from home website that you can access <https://learningfromhome.govt.nz/>

OUTDOOR ED WEEK FOR YEAR 5, YEAR 6 and ROOM 8: We are currently working on revising our Senior Outdoor Ed week and the respective activities we have planned. Outdoor Ed week will more than likely be in Week 7. Some activities may need to be rescheduled for a later date. This is because most events and activities are normally booked well in advance. As soon as we are back to Alert Level 2 we will be able to confirm dates and times for the various activities we are hoping to offer the students. Parents please respond to letters and get permission slips back as soon as you can when we do send these out to you. It will help us work quickly in confirming numbers and in preparation for the resources required for each activity.

Once again thank you parents, please see below a reminder of THE GOLDEN RULES:

The golden rules set out by the Ministry of Health (MoH):

1. If you're sick, stay home. Don't go to work or school. Don't socialise.
2. If you have cold or flu symptoms call your doctor or Healthline and make sure you get tested.
3. Wash your hands. Wash your hands. Wash your hands.
4. Sneeze and cough into your elbow, and regularly disinfect shared surfaces.
5. If you are told by health authorities to self-isolate you must do so immediately.
6. If you're concerned about your wellbeing, or have underlying health conditions, work with your GP to understand how best to stay healthy.
7. Keep track of where you've been and who you've seen to help contact tracing if needed. Use the NZ COVID Tracer app as a handy way of doing this.
8. Businesses should help people keep track of their movements by displaying the Ministry of Health QR Code for contact tracing. Please use this when visiting the school.
9. Stay vigilant. There is still a global pandemic going on. People and businesses should be prepared to act fast to step up Alert Levels if we have to.