



Hello Everyone,

By now you will be aware that we about to reach Alert Level 4 for Covid 19 Corona Virus. This means that schools are now closed to the general population but that they will remain open a further two days for children of parents who are employed in essential services. Schools will be completely closed from 3pm Wednesday, at least initially for the next four weeks.

Tomorrow, if possible, we would appreciate all children being kept home. We plan to use this time to complete our Home Learning packs and to deliver them along with the long life milk kindly provided by Fonterra, whatever fruit we have from the fruit in schools program, and boxes of Weetbix, where possible, to families.

What we expect to happen is that teachers will visit as many households as we can. We will drop the packages at your front gate and you will hear a beep to let you know that it has arrived – please look out for us. We expect deliveries to begin around 10am and will update on Facebook when we are heading to each area.

We hope that this will be helpful.

Please everyone, I urge you all to listen carefully to and heed the advice that is coming out right now. Stay at home and actively resist any visitors. Be vigilant around personal hygiene practices. This time is vital to ensuring that everyone stays safe and everyone must do their part to protect each other and in particular the elderly and those with medical conditions.

Be aware that the children will be stressed right now, they will feel your stress too. Don't sweat the small stuff and do your best to find a way to enjoy your time together. A few weeks away from school won't harm anyone's future. If we do our jobs well, no child will look back on this time in despair but rather they will learn that caring for each other, doing the right thing, and being responsible for more than just yourself are the things that are most important. They will learn that we can work together to overcome major problems. This learning is just as important as the things that are learnt in a normal school setting.

Thanks again everyone for your trust and support, our best wishes to you – keep safe.

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