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Term 2

Week 4

Hello,

It has been a strange old time but we are getting there and it looks likely that New Zealand will move to Covid 19 Alert Level 2 sometime next week and that that once this occurs that school will resume.

The details of what Covid 19 alert Level 2 looks like will be released later today. It's important to understand that not everything can be covered in such an announcement and that the announcement today will most likely be broad brush and that the finer details for education settings will be developed over the coming days with input from the Ministries of Health and Education, Education sector leaders and the like. These details will then be adapted by schools to best meet their individual circumstances. There will be a period of 'working things out' but the overarching message seems to be that we are now in a safe place to manage this work. It's great news.

We have been considering what we need to be concentrating on when school returns. It is not as simple as just going back to business as usual. A focus on children's well being and adjusting to being back at school will be required.

We will not be acting in 'catch-up' mode for time lost but rather taking the time to get the most important things back in place – children feeling safe and happy at school and in themselves, and looking to the weeks and months ahead.

Learning will happen when we get these things firmly back in place and we are fortunate that they are already the key focus for our school – it won't take that long to be back learning as normal but the work to get the fundamentals in place first is required. There really is no rush.

With regards the administrative things. We cleaned and sanitised the school prior to lockdown. The playground equipment has also been cleaned and sanitised over the break and

we have adhered to the requirement to stay away from the school grounds as much as possible. We have additional cleaning plans in place for when school resumes and subject to the Prime Ministers announcement and what procedures come from this we are developing plans for regular handwashing and the like.

We would ask that when school resumes that visitors to school are kept to a minimum. We will also be strictly ensuring that if anyone visits school that they sign in and out, that they adhere to the handwashing plan that we will all be undertaking upon entry to the school, and that anyone who is sick in anyway stays strictly away from school.

There will be other things and I will send out a further advice early next week when things become a little clearer.

Thanks again everyone for your support of our school, it is appreciated. We are all looking forward to getting back very soon.

Kind regards,
Paul Barker.

Honours Board People – Term 1

Congratulations to the Honours Board people for Term 1. It's not easy achieving Honours Board status so well done for a great start to the school year to:

Room 1: Maungaroa, Jaylee, Jazzlyn, Kalii
Room 2: Che'Nicole, Kawiti, Tamati, Prisayis
Room 3: Declan, Rahera, Te Ruki, Mia.
Room 4: Quentin, Marareia, Taylor, Athena,
Room 5: Ethan, Mita, Alaya, Korrah
Room 6: Cassie, Tai-Jon, Tahlia, Georgia
Room 7: Mila, Layce, Hariata, Taylah H.

Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness. Kindness in giving creates love."
- Lao Tzu