



Hello Everyone,

Thank you again for your understanding and support as we all face another Covid 19 Alert change - it is appreciated.

You will be aware that the 'cut-off' closest to us for Alert Level 3 is the Kaeo River Bridge, but our school (and Whangaroa College) have also been designated Alert Level 3 until at least 11.59pm on Monday the 8th of October 2021. A review of the Alert Level, including for our school, will take place next Monday afternoon.

This means that school will remain closed for the next three days (Thursday, Friday, Monday) and we will again revert to learning at home through our 'Kaeo School at Home' Facebook page. The first set of activities will be posted tomorrow morning and then on each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday until we are able to return to school. If we remain at Alert Level 3 past next Monday's announcement, we will consider how best to provide at home learning packs to supplement the Kaeo School at Home learning.

Under Level 3, schools can accept children of essential workers that are unable to provide alternative care arrangements. This should be a very rare requirement and given the current situation with our community being so close to this particular outbreak it is not recommended. Please do your very best to care for your children at home or with close whanau – this will maximise the possibility of keeping them, yourselves and our staff safe from Covid 19. If this is problematic for you, then please get in touch with me by email (principal@kaeo.school.nz).

We have taken the opportunity afforded us today to prepare for our return to school when we return to Alert Level 2 and it is likely that we will not need the additional return to school preparation day that is provided to schools when returning to face to face teaching and so as soon as we can, we will be in the position to welcome the children back to school. I will provide updates in this regard over the next few days.

In the meantime, please stay safe, stay home where you can, and if you haven't been vaccinated yet please do so for yourself, your whanau and friends, and our wider community.

Kind regards,

Paul Barker,
Principal,
Kaeo School.