



24 March 2020

Kia Ora Whānau

**Firstly**, thank you to our parent community for the calm and considered way you have navigated the immediacy of school closures announced yesterday afternoon.

**Secondly**, we received an updated email from the Ministry of Education (MOE) last night, outlining our way forward over the next 4 weeks whilst New Zealand is in the Alert Level 4 phase. Below is some information that is important for you to know:

**School holidays dates are now: Monday 30 March 2020 to Tuesday 14 April 2020**

*"School holidays are being brought forward so that they are completed within the 4 week period. Holidays will now begin from Monday 30 March to Tuesday 14 April inclusive - a reminder that the Tuesday after Easter Monday is always a closed day for schools" (MOE)*

**Online distance learning will be provided during the following dates:**

- **Tuesday 24 March 2020 to Friday 28 March 2020**
- **Wednesday 15 April 2020 to the end of the school lock-down period**

*"At the end of the school holidays, schools will be open for distance learning but not physically open for staff to work at the schools. Please note the instruction to stay home (Alert Level 4) will continue beyond the new school holiday period but schools will be technically open for distance instruction. Teachers will be working offsite." (MOE)*

**Thirdly**, as a school we are not in a position to loan devices and equipment. We will also only be providing online distance learning for our students during the shut-down phase. The Ministry of Education have also provided links for other online learning portals to support parents at home with their child's learning:

- <https://www.learningfromhome.govt.nz>
- <https://www.kauwhatareo.govt.nz/ki-te-ao-marama>

**Lastly**, our School's Activation Plan for Distance Home Learning has been outlined in Covid-19 Week 8: Newsletter 2, emailed to all parents yesterday afternoon. **SPOTLIGHT** will be the online portal that **ALL** teachers at Rototuna Primary School will use to continue learning and contact with students from home. Teachers will be sending each parent an email today with your child's SPOTLIGHT User ID and Password and log-in instructions.

Thank you again for your support during these extraordinary times. Kia haumarū koutou - be safe everyone,

Ngā mihi,

James, Kylie, Stacey and Tina  
**Senior Leadership Team**