

24 August 2021

Kia Ora Koutou,

This afternoon, the government has announced that we will remain in Alert Level 4 lockdown until Friday 27 August 2021. This means **school remains closed**, and home learning will continue to be provided for our tamāriki. The Ministry of Education has also asked schools to remind their parent community that the school playgrounds are also closed. Please refrain from going onto school property and playing on the playgrounds.

## NOTICE

PLAYGROUND  
AND  
SCHOOL GROUNDS  
CLOSED



Earlier today, we had a zoom hui with all of our staff. It was great to see everyone! As part of our hui, we did a **Quick Fire Review of Home Learning**. We asked our staff to provide 1 thing working well with home learning and 1 thing that they would like to do differently with home learning. Here is what they told us:

- **1 thing working well:** Spotlight, overwhelmingly, was the one thing working well, as well as, the positive connections teachers were having with parents.
- **1 thing that they would like to do differently:** consistency across the school with home learning expectations, zoom connects with class.

### Going forward, here are our agreed ways of providing home learning:

We understand the demands of lockdown life (caring for others in your bubble, providing home learning for your own children, and quite possibly, working from home). We reiterated that we must **all** operate in a 'no-pressure' environment right now. This means:

HOME  
LEARNING

- Providing learning opportunities via SPOTLIGHT is the only expectation we have for home learning.
- We asked teachers to put no added pressure on their students or parents to complete home learning or put extra task demands on them during this time.
- We asked teachers to send one weekly group email to parents only so parents weren't overwhelmed with lots of emails from different teachers.
- The daily overview for each learner is on Spotlight, so a daily email is not necessary.
- Zoom connects by teachers with their class of ākonga are optional.

### We ended our hui with a karakia:

Karakia for Healing	
Maa te raa e kawē mai to ngōi ia raa ia raa Maa te maarama e whakaora i a koe i waenga poo Maa te ua e horoi oou maaharahara Maa te hau e pupuhi te paakahukahu ki roto i too tinana I roto i oou hikoitanga i te ao kia whakaaro koe ki te huamari ataahua hoki o oou raa moo ake tonu atu Aamine	May the sun bring you energy by day May the moon softly restore you by night May the rain wash away your worries May the wind blow new strength into your being May you walk on this earth in peace all the days of your life and know its beauty for ever and ever Amen

Look out for your whānau, friends and neighbours 😊

Kia haumarū. Noho ora mai.  
*Be safe. Stay well.*

James, Kylie, Stacey, and Tina.