

Green Island School

Newsletter 28, 30 August 2021

Kia ora, Dear Parents and Caregivers

CORONAVIRUS (Covid - 19) As we are about to move to Alert Level 3 on Wednesday of this week, it is now time for our school to start planning and preparing for this to happen. The advice from the Government under Alert Level 3 is for people to continue to work and learn from home, if at all possible. You should only send children to school if you need to because you or someone else cannot look after them during the day. As the Prime Minister stated "Schools are only open if parents are required to work and no other options are available. Ultimately, schools for the most part, remain closed."

For planning purposes, we now need to know how many children **NEED** to attend school because their parents /caregivers are unable to work from home. We need to let the Ministry of Education know how many children we are expecting to see at school this Wednesday 1st September.

If your child needs to attend school during Alert Level 3 please notify the school by either emailing secretary@greenisland.school.nz, leaving a message on the school phone (488 2314), text (021 244 4833) or contact your child's class teacher by 12 noon tomorrow, Tuesday 31st August 2021. We can then advise the Ministry and I can work out staffing, if required.

All our usual safety precautions for Alert Level 3 will be in place which include following all the recommendations from the public health experts. This means we will regularly clean and disinfect high touch surfaces, encourage everyone to frequently wash their hands and cover their coughs and sneezes, and keep everyone physically distanced from others as much as possible (1 metre inside and two metres outside). We will also keep school bubbles to no more than 10 students. These bubbles will not mix with other bubbles.

Our contact tracing systems will be in place, which includes our attendance register and visitor register, and we will be limiting staff onsite with the majority of our team working from home.

All children, whether they are at home or school, will continue to learn in the same ways we've been using for the past week. Children attending school will not experience classes and a school environment that they are used to, but rather they will be supervised to safely do the same work as their peers who are learning at home.

Our school office will remain closed to the public and parents will not be allowed on-site unless the visit has been pre-arranged.

Kind regards

Steve Hayward
Principal

P.S. If you, or anyone you know of, would like some assistance with food etc please see NZ Government attachment.

Other News

- Year 4 and Year 5 museum sleepover will hopefully be held in early term 4
- Kapa Haka/Taieri Hui Ako is now cancelled
- Otago Polyfest is postponed until the week of 18 October 2021
- Year 6 and 7 Bike Skills - some lessons are now online, other practical lessons postponed until a later date.
- Wear A Wig Wednesday to support child cancer, is postponed until the 22 September 2021
- Special Olympics – I received a lovely email from Holly Robinson yesterday letting us know that she will be competing this Friday 3rd September about 10:20pm in Javelin final. This can be seen on Duke 23 or Freeview 13. "Go HOLLY!"