

GREEN ISLAND SCHOOL – Special Newsletter 23rd August 2021

Remaining at Alert Level 4

Kia ora koutou.

Dear Parents and Caregivers

I think we had all anticipated a further extension of Alert Level 4, and the Prime Minister has confirmed this today. The Alert Level will be reviewed on Friday afternoon, but for now, Alert Level 4 will remain in place until 12:59pm Friday 27 August 2021.

Our distance learning programme will continue for those who are able to access the Internet. The Taieri Hui Ako has been cancelled for the 2nd September but no word yet as to what is happening with Polyfest 2021 and the Cross Country. We are also trying to arrange an alternative time for our Y4 and Y5 Museum Sleepover. More news on this next week. Please contact the classroom teacher or myself if you have any questions.

Schools have been asked to remind people that all school playgrounds are out of bounds at Level 4, so please do not enter them.

There is a lot that we can all do to protect our whānau and community from COVID-19 including:

- Everyone must continue to stay home in their bubble
- Do not mix with other household bubbles – if they have COVID-19, it can easily spread to your household, and every other household they and you are connecting with
- As new cases are identified, [new locations of interest are added to the Ministry of Health website](#) – please keep checking this. You can search by your location and they are sorted by date, so you only need to check the locations which have been added when you last checked
- Wash your hands regularly, especially when you have been out in public
- Stay home if you are feeling unwell and seek advice about whether you need to get a test
- Wear a face covering when out and about, and you MUST wear a face covering in any businesses or services which are open at Alert Level 4 (unless you have specifically been exempted from doing so, which includes anyone aged under 12)
- Keep a two-metre distance from people outside your household bubble
- Check in using the [NZ COVID Tracer App](#) wherever you go or keep a manual record (a reminder the App only stores information on your own phone – no one else will know who it is that checked in, or when)

You can go to the [COVID19.govt.nz website if you would like more information on Alert Level 4 requirements](#).

Finally, we know some families in our community may be finding it difficult to access food and essential items such as medicine. This information about [how to access to food or essential items](#) summarises the supports that are available, including financial help to buy food.

Please do take care and let us know how we can best support you and your whānau.

Kia kaha!

Steve Hayward
Principal