

ARAPOHUE SCHOOL

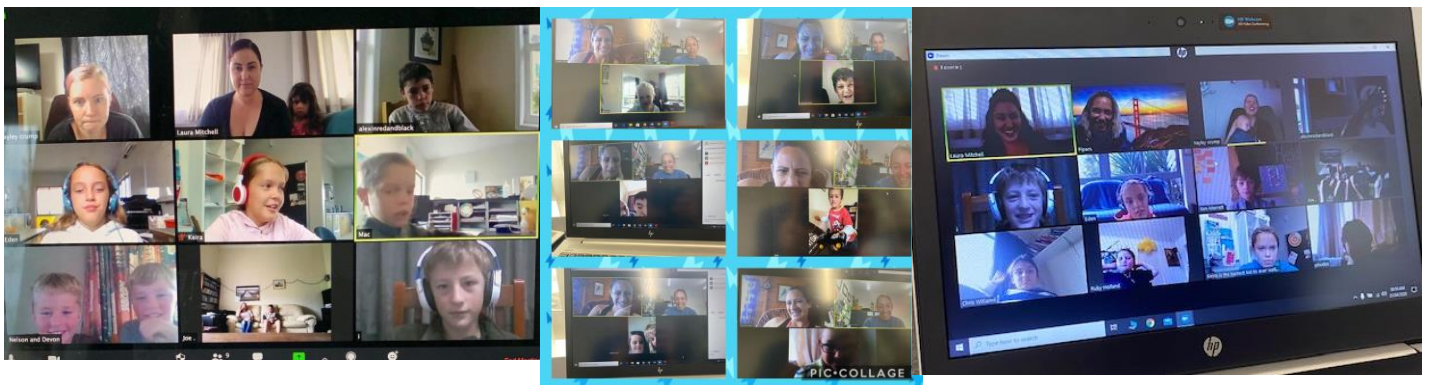
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Kia ora koutou

We hope that Term 2 and our distance learning programme has been a success for you so far. We know there will have been any number of challenges for you to deal with but we have been getting some great feedback about the learning that is happening and thank you for all your support. I have loved seeing so many of our students (and their parents) on our Zoom meetings and look forward to our whole school getting together on Thursday and Friday morning at 9am.



ALERT LEVEL 3

As you are no doubt aware yesterday the Government decided that we will move into Alert Level 3 on 28 April. That means our school will be open to receive students from the 29 April. Preparations for this are underway now.

The key message for you is that if you can, you should keep your child at home. You should only physically send your child to school if you **NEED** to. If your child has a health condition that means they are at a greater risk of a severe illness you must keep them at home. If your child is sick please also ensure you keep them at home.

ALL learning will be following our on line programme whether children are at school or not.

In order to ensure the safety of those children and our staff who do come to school, we will be operating with strict enforcement of health and safety measures. There could be additions to these guidelines as time goes on based on information I receive for the Ministry of Education.

- no parents/other bubble members/visitors to enter school grounds to limit the amount of human contact (gates will be locked during school day)
- students will arrive at school at 8.45am and leave at 2.15pm due to decreased break times

- depending on the amount of students who NEED to attend school, start times may be staggered to allow social distancing and limit contact
- students will remain in one room that is their allocated bubble room for the duration of the school day
- students will be in sibling bubbles
- students will be allocated a space to sit that is 1m away from anyone else
- students will have their own resources to use during the day
- students will complete the distance learning programme at school
- school playground remains closed
- no toys or school resources will be played with
- students will have break times different to allow for social distancing
- where possible students will have allocated toilets which will be cleaned regularly
- staff will possibly be wearing PPE gear (this will be optional for staff)
- students /staff will be washing/sanitising their hands regularly
- staff will be regularly sanitising areas that have been used during the day
- no food will be provided for students
- students MUST bring their own named water bottle as drinking fountains will be closed

At this stage there is **NO** clarity about whether buses will be running. I am sure Ritchies is busy working out whether they can meet Health and Safety guidelines provided and will be in touch.

I need ALL families to please email be kylie@arapohue.school.nz and let me know if your child/ren will or will not be returning to school on the 29th. I need these replies by 3pm Wednesday 22 April so we can begin more specific planning. Thanks in advance,

Ngā mihi nui,
Kylie Piper