



# ARAPOHUE SCHOOL

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Kia ora whanau,

Well, what an interesting term Term 3 is shaping up to be! It is amazing how well we have adjusted into this latest lockdown and I know our teachers have all enjoyed the communication with you and the way everyone is working together to once again make sense of lockdown and distance learning.

We had our first whole school Zoom meeting this morning and it was awesome to connect with 24 of our students and hear what each other have been up to.



I am trusting that you are all finding that the online learning is meeting the needs of you and your family, if you have any questions regarding this please contact teachers, [sarah@arapohue.school.nz](mailto:sarah@arapohue.school.nz) or [lyn@arapohue.school.nz](mailto:lyn@arapohue.school.nz). The Ministry of Education Hard packs were ordered last Thursday (as per their urgent request) and we eagerly await their delivery so we can get them out to you.

Don't forget to check out Seesaw for info re the EPro8 whānau challenge, future Zoom meetings and any other notices.

## DATE CHANGES

Obviously, we have had a number of changes to dates on the Term Calendar with Body Jam being postponed, Art Week not happening and we would assume our Speech Competition will also be postponed. We have also postponed our Teacher Only Day on Monday which will likely need to be rescheduled for Term 4. We keep our fingers and toes crossed that we will be back on site, business as usual, by the end of Term so our Ag Day is not impacted.

## ALERT LEVELS

Some of us are most likely eagerly awaiting the announcement this afternoon re Alert Levels and what implications any changes will bring. Our Ministry of Education have also alluded to some changes in Level 3 Expectations/Restrictions this time around but have not

as yet provided any clarity as to what this could look like. Below is what Level 3 looked like last year and I ask that you read it with the awareness that there could be some changes.

*The key message for Alert Level 3 for you is that if you can, you should keep your child/ren at home. You should only physically send your child to school if you **NEED** to. If your child is sick they need to be kept at home.*

**ALL** learning will be following our online 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 received from 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 different break times 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

*Previously buses did not operate at Level 3 so any children attending onsite learning had to be dropped off and picked up.*

I need ALL families to please email me [kylie@arapohue.school.nz](mailto:kylie@arapohue.school.nz) and let me know if your child/ren will or will not be returning to school when we move to Level 3. While we do not know when this move will be, having the information as soon as possible makes it easier for our school to be organised and prepared.

Thanks in advance,

Ngā mihi nui,  
Kylie Piper