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*Kia ora koutou, talofa lava, malo e lelei, kia orana, fakaalofa lahi atu, bula vinaka, greetings*

*I hope that this newsletter finds you all well. Term 2 has started and it is very different from any school term we have ever experienced before. While there have been some challenges in trying to connect and learn from a distance, we have also had some great feedback about the learning that is happening and thank you for all your support.*

*Yesterday the Government decided that we will move into Alert Level 3 on Tuesday 28 April. That means we will be able to start preparing for a return to school.*

*The key message is that you should keep your child at home if you can and continue learning from home. You should only physically send your child to school if you have no one else to care for them. The first day that this can happen is Wednesday 29 April. Children who need to come to school will be completing the same learning at home activities as those who are at home.*

*If your child (or someone in your bubble) 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. We will continue to support learning at home.*

*In order to ensure the safety of our staff and any students who do have to come to school, we will be operating with strict enforcement of health and safety measures.*

***In order to plan appropriately it is essential that you let us know if your child must return to school on 29 April. You will need to contact the school by phone, text or email to inform us.***

*The Ministry of Education has advised that they are working closely with the Ministry of Health to develop clear guidance that will support schools to safely re-open their premises to students and staff. This will help us work through the public health requirements that we all need to meet. We want to be sure that what we do will keep you, your children and whānau and our community as safe as possible.*

*For now, we will continue to support your child's learning by distance while we progress our planning for Alert Level 3. Keep checking the school website for new information and continue connecting with teachers with any questions you might have.*

*Stay well, stay safe, stay home!*

*Ngā mihi*

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