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

Last week you may have noticed a few people back at school. Under Alert level 3 most of our staff are still working from home however we have been able to reopen the school site and begin preparing for a return to school.

We have developed and begun implementing procedures based on advice from the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health. I am confident that the procedures will keep your children and whānau and our community as safe as possible.

Thank you to all of you who have continued to keep your children at home. At Alert Level 3 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 to return to work and have no one else to care for them. At Level 3 children who need to come to school will be completing the same learning at home activities as those who are at home.

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

Last week a number of staff were able to come into school and make learning activities for students and then deliver them to your homes. I hope you find these helpful. The activities provided are able to be completed over 1-2 weeks, your child does not have to complete them all on one day. Do as much or as little as suits you and your child, we know that some of you are also trying to work from home.

We will continue to support your child's learning by distance at Alert Level 3. Keep checking the school website for new information and continue connecting with teachers with any questions you might have. I hope we will see our students back at school before too much longer - we miss you all.

Stay well, stay safe, stay home!

Ngā mihi

Jan Donaldson

Principal

See below for some updated information about foodbanks in Auckland.

Foodbanks in the Auckland community.

From Wednesday 1 April, Aucklanders who cannot afford groceries or are in self-isolation with no access to other support networks can call the Auckland Emergency Management (AEM) on 0800 22 22 96 between 7am and 7pm, seven days a week.

Anyone who meets the government's eligibility criteria will be couriered a welfare package containing items such as pasta and rice, tinned vegetables and meats, and basic toiletries.

The system has been set up in line with the welfare directive announced by the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) on 31 March.

1. Auckland City Mission Foodbank - If you need a food parcel call ACM 09 303 9266 and speak to the Crisis Care team. You will then be given a time to collect from ACM distribution centre at 15 Auburn Street, off Boston road in Grafton. Everyone must take ID with them.

2. Salvation army food parcels - Contact the Mt Wellington Salvation Army Community Ministry 09 379 7615 – or their local Salvation Army Community Ministry (ring 0800 53 00 00 to find your local ministry). You will be given a time to collect your food parcel.

3. St Vincent De Paul in Newton Branch – Call 09 815 6122 or email – Auckland@stvinnies.co.nz and they can deliver a food parcel.

4. Nga Whare Waatea Marae - Open Mon-Fri, 10am-2pm. Head to the Marae at 31 Calthorp Close, Mangere with ID. Wait in car and staff will get to each person one at a time, asking relevant questions as needed.

5. Papakura Marae Foodbank - Open Mon-Fri 10am-2.30pm, 09 297 2036. Please phone to request a food parcel, someone will ring you back to do a phone interview, then food will be delivered. Only deliveries to Papakura and Manurewa areas currently.

6. Orakei Foodbank - Call 521 5712 and leave message on voicemail with details of how many in family etc. Parcels are only delivered on Tuesdays and Fridays to Orakei, Kohi and Mission Bay.

7. St Marks Church in Pakuranga are still open but only focusing on those in Pakuranga . You can contact them directly via their contact page on their website or emailing stmarks@xtra.co.nz

8. Hills Church on Hillsborough Road can be emailed at office@hillschurch.nz Please provide details on your needs and they will do their best to provide a food parcel. Hills Church has also offered to go shopping for those that cannot leave home due to self-isolation if needed.