

MENPS News

Te Whare Akoranga o Maungawhau, 14 August, 2020

From The Principal

Kia ora koutou

Following the Prime Minister's announcement this afternoon, it appears we will be making adjustments for life at Level 3 for a while longer. Level 3 will be in place in Auckland until August 26 at 11.59pm, although this decision will be reviewed on August 21.

As we all know, this means making sacrifices once again in many areas of life as part of the collective effort to disrupt and eliminate community transmission. Aucklanders must continue to work from home if they are able to, stay at home in their 'bubble' and are now asked to wear a facemask when outdoors for permitted Level 3 activities.

While we all hoped to avoid further outbreaks, along with the economic impact and return to Distance Learning mode for most students, we also knew it was an eventuality we needed to be prepared for. For the children, each one of the MENPS Touchstones will prove invaluable once again in meeting the challenge and added responsibility of learning remotely.

The silver lining is that we have been successful before, and we can do it again. We have already been so impressed with the creativity and talent the children have shown when sharing back their home learning. I would like to acknowledge their efforts, the support of parents and my colleagues on the teaching team for their hard work and professionalism.

The key messages to reinforce at this point are as follows;

- Use the distance learning materials in a way and on a schedule that works for you and your family - there is no need to try to emulate a 'typical school day' timetable approach
- Quality and positive engagement with learning is more valuable than quantity
- Feel free to engage in other high-interest activities - learning takes many forms - quality time investigating, creating and exploring personal interests can be just as valuable. Spending time together as a family is also particularly important in challenging times
- Remember that wellbeing is a priority (both for your child and also for yourself)
- Next week's Distance Learning programmes will go 'live' this Sunday, 16 August at 3pm

While we can confirm that there are no contacts associated with MENPS that we are aware of, we appreciate that parents may be anxious about recent reported cases in the local

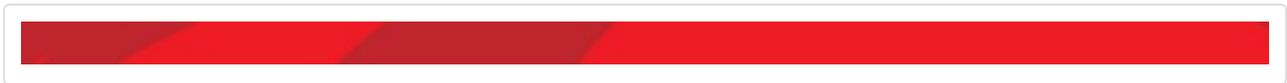
neighbourhood or other schools nearby. The advice on this is clear. If you or your child are identified as a contact at any point, you will be informed directly. No news, therefore, is definitely good news in this situation.

In the specific case of Mt Albert Primary, the school has advised us that the Ministry of Health do not identify individual students by name or year level for privacy reasons. They have only advised that an unidentified student was tested as a contact, that the test came back negative, and that more widespread testing of students is not required.

As things stand, success at this level means we will be back in person and in classrooms once again very soon. In the meantime, stay safe, and we look forward to a reduction in Alert levels in the very near future.

Ka kite anō au i a koutou

Alan Jackson
Principal



Children of On-site Workers - Requests for Supervision at Level 3

Under Alert Level 3, students who have at least one caregiver in their 'bubble' working from home must learn from home via distance learning.

Workers who are required to attend their place of work (as permitted under Level 3 restrictions) can request a place at school in a small, supervised 'whanau bubble' group if they don't have alternative childcare options.

If this applies to you, please ensure you click on the link below to register the day/days requested for your child to attend school, and we will make arrangements for them. Social distancing and enhanced hygiene protocols will be in effect as before.

Level 3 Caregiver Class Placement Request Form: [click here](#)



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