

Monday 18 October 2021



Dear Parents and Caregivers

I have waited for the 4pm notification about lockdowns before sending this short newsletter. We now know that we will be at Lockdown Level 2 from Wednesday morning and school will be open for all children to return.

- Buses will be running on their normal timetables from Wednesday morning.
- Children are asked to be dropped off at the front of the school and to use hand sanitiser as they enter the school grounds.
- Any parents needing to come in to the school for a meeting or with a new student need to seek approval first – please phone the reception to make arrangements.

Thank you for your patience and support as we have had to start Term 4 with a great deal of uncertainty. The information coming to schools from the Ministry of Education last week seemed to be being reviewed and clarified as we went along. Had I known this; I would have held off on some of what I shared with you. A significant correction I need to make is in regard to parents/whānau coming into the school. I stated that you would need to have evidence of either your double vaccination, or of a recent negative COVID test. This requirement is **correct but only for while we are at Level 3**. It will not be required at Level 2. I apologise if this has caused some concern for families.

Please remember that **this weekend is a 4-day weekend**, with Labour Day being a public holiday on Monday and a Teacher-Only Day for report writing on the Tuesday.

Thank you again. There will be a regular newsletter on Wednesday.

For the Children

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken McLeay'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Ken McLeay  
Principal