



Wednesday 18 August

Dear Parents and Caregivers

The Lockdown, announced at 6pm last night, means we all need to do our best in these circumstances. Hopefully, your child's class teacher has been able to communicate with you to set up some home-based learning for the next few days. Here is some information that I hope you will find helpful:

- The Lockdown means the school is closed for this week. A further announcement about lockdown levels is expected to be made by the Prime Minister on Friday, and we will communicate with you again following this. With the news of more cases this morning, I suspect we will be in lockdown for longer than the three days.
- Please do not go to school or use the school grounds.
- All teachers will be communicating with families through Class Dojo, and Year 4 – 6 classes work will be using Google Classroom for much of their learning.
- If this isn't working for you, the government have some on-line resources available as options.
  - <https://www.tvnz.co.nz/shows/home-learning-tv>
  - <https://learningfromhome.govt.nz/>
  - Live Television education programmes are not yet advertised, but I will let you know if they become available.
- School events planned for this week and into the future will obviously not be happening while in lockdown. This includes next week's Year 4 tree planting expedition which is postponed.

Please do not place any pressure on your children or yourselves in regard to school programmes. We think it is great to keep up some learning and will do all we can to support this, but if you have other stress factors, or technical difficulties, etc., please don't sweat it. You need to do what is best for your family and we respect this.

For the Children

Ken McLeay  
Principal