

Good evening all

Boy oh boy, what a crazy day. "We break up, we break down..." all those years as a kid singing that song.

As you will have seen in the news today the country is moving to a Level 4 in 48 hours with schools closing tomorrow. We are open to children of essential services' such as doctors, ambulance drivers and police, and all staff.

If your child is one of the students who will be attending school tomorrow as the child of an essential worker they are to report to the staffroom when the bell rings. Students are required to bring their drink bottle and lunch. Supervision will be supplied for any child who arrives at school.

Postgate School will be closed for all students from Wednesday 25 March. The site will be in full lockdown from Thursday 26 March.

The Government has indicated that the holidays will begin next week, meaning online learning will begin on Wednesday 15th April; following the Easter break. As a staff, we will meet tomorrow to discuss/work out our online learning plan. Our Leadership Team was meeting at lunchtime today to discuss a plan moving forward. We thought an announcement might be made by Wednesday.

Our Distance Learning Plan will begin after the holidays and later this week you will receive an outline from your child's teacher of how this will work. This will look different for the various teams across the school. We want to have a consistent plan for our Year 1-3 students and also for our Year 4-8 pupils.

All children in Years 4-8 have a school Goggle Docs account. If your child has forgotten their password, you will need to email kelvin@postgate.school.nz

"May you live in interesting times", they say. Well, we certainly are. I applaud the decision made today, as this will help our nation get ahead of this rapidly changing situation. We are still unsure of what this means for our students and staff. We are sure that you'd appreciate that our staff are also uncertain and need to tend to their own children and family members. Our staff is awesome and tomorrow they will all be thinking about the best interests of your child/ren.

Postgate School thanks you for all your support. We are extremely fortunate to have an awesome school community that cares for our school with Postgate PRIDE.

The Postgate School community is here for you. Please reach out or let us know if you or people you know need support. Please check on your neighbours and also let them know we are here for them.

Please take care and we are only an email away.

Be kind to yourself and others.

Jacinda said...

"Schools will be closed from tomorrow, except to the children of essential workers such as our doctors, nurses, ambulance drivers and police – this will give them time to plan. This will be temporary, and schools will close entirely from midnight Wednesday.

The school term break will be brought forward. For the remainder of this week and through the term break schools will establish ways to deliver teaching online and remotely. All students across the country are currently being given information on this decision for their parents, including the list of who is

considered an essential service. This will be communicated directly to parents..."

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"Ma te mahi ngatahi, ka tu pakari te matauranga"

"Together, We Learn and Achieve"

Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi Engari, he toa takitini;

Success is not the work of one, but the work of many

Nga mihi

Adam Campbell