

Morena Postgate School

We trust this email continues to find you and your Bubble are well. We know that we are in tough times, and for some, the next couple of weeks can get tougher. If times are getting tough, please let me know, whether this is mentally, financially, or these kids are doing your head in, it is ok to reach out. Please know, all Bubbles are different. We have a number of different ways we can support you and your whanau. Please, reach out.

As you are already aware, New Zealand will move out of Alert Level 4 to Level 3 on Monday night/Tuesday morning. At this stage, we will be at Alert Level 3 for two weeks.

Thank you to nearly all of Postgate School for completing the questionnaire. There are only a handful of families we have not heard from. We have a very supportive school community and your support of your children and of our school at this time is greatly appreciated. Keep being awesome Postgate School.

A message from our Board Chair Phil Townley

On behalf of the BOT, just an acknowledgment and huge thank you for the work that has been put in to prepare our kids for distance learning, and the time and effort that is now being put in to complete that.

With everything that is going on and the uncertainty of when and if we might be able to come back to school, the focus of looking after ourselves, our kids and our Postgate community has never faltered. It's inspiring and greatly appreciated by everyone the character and commitment of the staff we have at Postgate.

Condolences

On behalf of Postgate School, we send our deepest sympathy to the Talaepa whanau who have lost three family members during this Lockdown period. Timetable for the next couple of weeks. Shar's father passed away in Samoa at the start of the month as well as his cousin more recently. Lady's uncle passed away last month.

Losing a family member under normal circumstances is tough enough, to do so during Lockdown would be the hardest. As a school, we will look to do something once we return to school for the Talaepa family and all families who have lost loved ones during this time.

Next Couple of Weeks

Monday 20th - Friday 24th April - Distance Learning all week

Monday 27th April - ANZAC Day observed

Tuesday 28th - Classroom Release Day (CRT) - This is part of the Collective Agreement and is the first opportunity teachers have had to come into school to get resources since the Lockdown started. Our staff has done a wonderful job with Distance Learning. When we left school at the end of last term, teachers took what they thought they would need, they have not been allowed back to school since. There is **no Distance Learning on Tuesday 28th April**.

This day will also be used to set up and clean a classroom block. At this point in time, we have 19 students who have confirmed they will be returning to school. Please note, this is not an opt-in, opt-out option. We all need to be able to trace the movements of our Bubbles, and I'd say we be working under very strict Health and Safety regulations. If your child is coming back to school you cannot send them if they are sick, this includes having a runny nose and a cough. We will all be responsible for the health of each other and that of each other's families.

Wednesday 29th April - Distance Learning continues for the majority of Postgate School.

Students who are returning to school, currently there are 25, will be emailed about the requirements for next week. Please be aware that these will not be a normal school day with staggered starts, various break times and different finish times for students. Parents will need to work with us. The vast majority of Postgate School are continuing to learn from home and as such, that is where our staff will be.

Please be aware that there is no Before or After School Care in Alert Level

3. Drop off time, at the earliest, will be 9am, some children may have a 9:30am start. Bubble life continues under Alert Level 3 and unfortunately, the school will not be the same vibrant place and for some, a bit lonely in their own Bubble

There is no supervision for children before those who have a 9am start. All children will need to be collected at 3pm, at the very latest, by an adult. All children will be signed in by an adult and will need to nominate an adult who will be pick up duty at the end of the day. Parents will also need to be contactable all day as if your child falls ill, you will need to be there for them.

Forecasting ahead - If we are successful and drop from Level 3 to Level 2, we should be back at school by around the 11th, 12th or 13th of May. However, this is yet to be determined.

Cook Island Dance Classes

Aroha, our Kapahaka rangitira has sent through an online Cook Island Dance Class. It is led by Te Hau Winitana, who was the sound lady at our Mokotini show last year. If you go to Inano Dance on either Facebook or Instagram, you'll be able to follow the link. Te Hau is one of the best Cook Island dancers going around!

TicTok Videos

Kelvin Harper has put together a selection of the TicToks that came in. There are a few classics in here and in my mind a clear winner, however, Kelvin will let us know when we return to school.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zntfneWJuQXqK658V7iXqqfYI2gYYc2M/view?usp=sharing>

Keep smiling, stay positive, the end is approaching! In a good way. (insert smiley face wink in here)

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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

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