

Kia ora e te whānau

As we head into Alert Level 3 we know this is a difficult time for families in our community. We have a number of families who work for different community services who have reached out to Postgate to be of service to our school. If you, a family member, or neighbours are experiencing financial difficulties or are in need of support, please reach out. We are here for you all. We want our children to be safe, secure, and looked after. However, if you are not at your best, then your kids can't be at theirs. Please, reach out.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our Distance Learning. We are over a week into it and I guess for many, you are over it! For teachers, it is different on many levels. The main one is not having to concern themselves with behaviour management or motivating after the teaching; this is left to you. Imagine what it could potentially be like with a class of 33 students; some are highly motivated, others not so much. I was one of the not so much; just willing to clock to get to 3pm!

Any thoughts of a short, sharp lockdown seem like an age ago. We are at least another week at Alert Level 3 and hopefully, we'll be told next Monday that we are on the move to Alert Level 2. The interesting aspect for me will be if Auckland remains at Alert Level 4 and the rest of the country moves to Alert Level 2. Having a clear split might create a few problems, most notably, the return to school.

Why is this problematic?

Mainly for our college-aged students sitting NCEA Level 1, 2 and 3. Auckland schools may be looking at another 3-5 weeks of Distance Learning, while other schools around the country return to school. This will either see different levels of academic achievement being set across the country for NCEA or the school holidays being brought forward. This is just some thoughts I have going on in my head. I like to try and predict what might happen in the future, in order to have plans ready to go.

Thank you for the entertaining replies and questions you've got about Alert Level 3. The most common is are parents allowed to come to school under Alert Level 3 and leave their kids at home? We can make anything work and if you need to work somewhere with reliable wifi, we can set up an area in our school well away from everyone. Having personal space and time to focus is very important. The charge? Suppling the staff onsite with morning tea and



lunch.

It is a beautiful day out there today and it is an excellent opportunity to go for a family walk or just spend some time getting some sun on everyone's face. Actually, the rest of the week looks wonderful. Remember, it is vital we get off our screens and get outside; great for our mental health and wellbeing.

As always, we are here for you.

Thanks for being awesome.

