

Monday 23 March 2020

Special Bulletin



Coronavirus (Covid-19) Update 7

Tēnā koutou

As of today, **the Government has raised the level of response to Level 3** with a further move to **Level 4 by midnight this Wednesday.**

Response Level 3 means that in addition to Level 2 restrictions, **all mass gatherings are cancelled, public venues are closed, and alternative ways of working are required in order to limit face to face contacts. By midnight on Wednesday the country will be at Level 4** which effectively places the country in lockdown (see attached doc).

To keep our school community safe, the Board of Trustees and I have made the decision that **Maranatha Christian School will be closed from this Wednesday 25 March until further notice.** As there is a second Staff Only Day scheduled for tomorrow, this means that **your child/ren will not return to Maranatha Christian School until after the government lowers the response level.**

Teachers have been busy preparing for distance learning. This involved the creation of 'take home' packs as well as planning with Google Classrooms. To assist with this preparation, **we ask that families send someone to school tomorrow to collect the packs for your child/ren.** Teachers will be available to see you between 10.30am and 4.30pm.

When you arrive at school, **please ensure that you abide by the 2 metre personal distancing restriction and if you are feeling unwell, please do not come to school** (ask somebody else to collect the pack for you). If you are unable to get to school tomorrow, we will make some time on Wednesday for you to collect the packs. If this is required, please contact the school office.

If you require a school device in order for your child/ren to engage in distance learning, please speak with Mrs Gilfillan tomorrow when you come to collect your pack. We have a limited number of Chromebooks available and will give priority to those families who indicated a need for a device on the recent CareMonkey Survey.

With regards to distance learning, please know that family comes first. Only engage with schoolwork when you and your child/ren are ready. Although we are expecting a few bumps along the way (as distance learning is all rather new to us all), with someone at home supporting your child/ren with their learning, and with teachers being accessible online, **we will make this work, together.**

Keep praying, stay safe, take care of one another and watch out for official updates.

Kia kaha.

In His love

Steve Farrand
Principal

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BoT Chairperson

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Psalm 112:7 (NIV)

*They will have no fear of bad news;
Their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the Lord.*