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Kia ora e te whanau o Kaipara

Community Update: Alert Level 4

The weather seems to have sent us other challenges in times that are already challenging enough! Our thoughts are with those members of our community who have been adversely affected by this severe weather event.

Teaching and Learning Continues

Thank you for all your support over the last weeks whilst in lockdown. We continue with our teaching and learning at Kaipara College and know that despite the challenges faced, many of our students are doing their very best. The teachers at Kaipara College continue to put work up on the students google classrooms, provide feedback and encouragement, answer questions, stay in contact with students and their families and meet at least once a week on-line with the students.

We are noticing a few gaps at our on-line sessions. These on-line meets are really important for connection, as well as learning. Connection enhances wellbeing and a sense of wellbeing enhances learning. It is in this space that we ask you as parents and caregivers to have conversations with our young people, to assess how they are going, could they do more? Are they doing too much? are they on-line when they need to be? and so forth. I know this is not easy for many families because the adults have their jobs to do too. But I am asking you to keep doing this with your young people if you can, because only together can we maximise our young people's wellbeing and learning in these difficult and trying times.

I attach our teaching and learning guidelines again for your reference

- [Guidelines for Kaipara College whānau to support learning at home \(updated 15/8/21\)](#)
- [A student's guide to lockdown learning \(updated 15/8/21\).](#)

For students who are unable to get on-line, we are working with the Ministry of Education to put hard pack materials together. If your student is one of these, please let their whānau teacher know so we can coordinate the pick-up of some hard pack materials.

NCEA assessment changes

You will know already that the NZQA has made some changes to the dates of exams and how students can gain credits for the work they are already doing on-line. Senior students are continuing with their internal assessments as we proceed through lockdown. The changes already made and those that may be made some time in the future, are explained on this link:

[Changes to NCEA assessment dates in 2021 » NZQA](#)

Students who are unwell during lockdown

If your student is sick during lockdown and unable to do their school work or attend google meets, please let their whānau teacher know via email. The whānau teacher will let the subject teachers know they are unable to attend meets or complete work that day.

Kia Manawarora: Information hub for whānau Māori

Kia Manawarora is a dedicated channel for whānau Māori with tamariki and rangatahi in the education system. This pānui includes updates about changes and opportunities in the education system, positive stories of Māori achieving success as Māori, and advice for whānau supporting their tamariki and rangatahi through their unique learning journeys. In times of COVID-related change, Kia Manawarora focuses on providing practical information to help whānau and is sent out as and when significant changes or announcements are made. Please share Kia Manawarora with your networks and encourage them to subscribe:

- [read the latest issue of Kia Manawarora here](#)
- [subscribe to Kia Manawarora here](#).

If you have any questions or comments about Kia Manawarora, please write to us at:
Kia.Manawarora@education.govt.

Local and emergency support available

If you are needing any support through this difficult time please click on this link for a useful list of what is available:

[Local and Emergency Contacts](#)

Students working during school hours: a message from the Ministry of Education

It's important that young people remain engaged in their learning under the current Alert Level conditions. For students under 16, it is illegal to work during school hours under Section 54 of the Education and Training Act 2020. If employers are putting pressure on students to work during school hours, you may wish to advise them that it is illegal. For older students it is essential that young people remain engaged in their learning so that their future opportunities for work or learning are not impacted. We encourage parents and caregivers to work with their school or kura to ensure young people are engaged in learning rather than being in paid employment during scheduled learning hours.

Our focus as always is to support the learning, safety and wellbeing of our rangatahi and tamariki and we continue to be here to support you as well.

Please don't hesitate to contact your student's whānau teacher, dean or me, if there is something you need assistance with.

Stay safe.

Ngā mihi

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