



17 September 2021

Community Update: Alert Level 4

Kia ora e te whanau o Kaipara

I hope that you are managing to negotiate the tricky COVID-19 Level 4 lockdown life! I'm sure we are all hoping for a drop in alert levels in the coming days and await the announcement on Monday next week. Teaching and learning at home continues for our students, with many of them adjusting well to the changes this has required, despite its many challenges. Our teachers are continuing to teach online, set quality work for learning time off-line and provide feedback to students. Some students are proving difficult to reach however and are not engaging with their subject teachers or whānau teachers. Please check in with your student about their learning. If you have any concerns please contact their whānau teacher in the first instance.

Delivery of hard pack materials and devices for students

Two weeks ago we delivered hard pack materials to students who cannot get on-line and devices for students who needed one. We will do another delivery this coming Monday, 20 September. If your student requires either of these please email your students whānau teacher today (Friday, 17 September).

Senior option choices for 2022 are due to be entered on-line by Friday, 24 September

Year 10, 11 and 12 students will have recently been through an option selection process with their whānau teacher that has involved them thinking about their future pathways and what that means in terms of subject choices for next year. Please discuss pathways and 2022 option choices with your Y10, 11 or 12 student before they are entered on the school online option choice platform called "Schoolpoint". You and your student will have received an email already about how to access Schoolpoint to enter options for 2022. See instructions here:

[How to select courses as a student in Schoolpoint](#)

Moving into alert Level 3

When we move into Alert Level 3 the school will be open in a very limited capacity to students under 14 years of age whose parents/caregivers are essential workers and for whom no other childcare arrangements can be made. The reason for this is the MOE deems the safest place to learn at Alert Level 3 is still from home. Students who attend school at Alert Level 3 will be supervised during school hours but will continue to learn on-line. Transport to and from school is the responsibility of the parent /caregiver as school buses do not run at Alert Level 3. If you are an essential worker and you require your under 14 years of age student to attend school at Alert Level 3, please let us know by registering [via this form](#).

NCEA students achieving success for 2021

For most students learning is more difficult when done remotely. Because of this, learning progress will most likely have been affected by the extended lockdown we are in. For senior students doing NCEA, there are national supports in place to recognise the impact of lockdown on students' learning and achievement.

For example, teachers are now able to assess learning as it occurs in the work students are doing on-line, rather than students doing this work and then completing an assessment as well. This is called ongoing “evidence gathering”. Another way the impact of lockdown on learning is recognised is through “Learning Recognition Credits”. This allows students to achieve NCEA Level 1, 2 or 3 with overall less credits than in a “normal” year.

We are tracking your students' progress very closely and their whānau teacher will be working with them to develop a plan which will involve them focusing on what they need to be doing to achieve success this year. The best outcomes for your student will be achieved through a three way partnership between the school, the student and you, the parents/ caregivers. Please talk to your student about where they are at with achieving NCEA this year, what they need to do to achieve success, what help the school can give them and what support they are needing from you. Contact your students' whānau teacher in the first instance if you have any questions or concerns.

2021 School Prizegivings

Earlier this year, we reconsidered how to undertake our annual prizegivings, recognising that our traditional formats will not work in this Covid world and taking into account our growing roll and the limited space we have in the school hall. The COVID restrictions we are currently under and the uncertainty around when we will come down through the levels and how this will impact the planned prizegivings has also been considered carefully. As a result, we have postponed our prizegivings to the latest possible dates we can. This year we will hold a prizegiving for Years 11 and 12 on 13 December at 7:00pm and the Year 13 Prizegiving on 14 December at 7:00pm. As we are unable to hold gatherings with whānau at Level 2, the decision has been made to incorporate the planned Sports Prizegiving into the Years 11 and 12, and Year 13 prizegivings. Further detail is provided below:

<i>Under Covid Alert Level 1</i>	
Years 11 and 12 Prizegiving Monday, 13 December, 7:00pm	Year 13 Prizegiving Tuesday, 14 December, 7:00pm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Years 11 and 12 students and their whānau • Year 11 and 12 teachers, kaiārahi and staff attend 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 13 students and their whānau • Year 13 teachers, kaiārahi and staff attend
<i>Under Covid Alert Level 2</i>	
Year 11 and 12 Prizegiving Monday 13, December, 1:00pm	Year 13 Prizegiving Tuesday, 14 December, 1:00pm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students and staff only • Year 11 and 12 prizewinners and Year 11 and 12 kaiārahi attend • Live streamed via Facebook • All results published on website and social media 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students and staff only • Year 13 prizewinners and Year 13 kaiārahi attend • Live streamed via Facebook • All results published on website and social media
<i>Under Covid Alert Level 3 or 4</i>	
At Alert Level 3 or higher, sadly, we will be unable to conduct any prizegivings and all awards will be posted to students.	
Junior Celebration of Learning Tuesday, 14 December, 10:00am	
COVID settings allowed, the Junior Celebration of Learning will be conducted at 10:00am on Tuesday, 14 December in the school hall. At Level 1, whānau are invited to attend. At Level 2, the celebration will still be held but sadly, whānau will be unable to attend.	

Blood Donation at Kaipara College Hall on Friday, 24 September, 7.00am-5pm

Blood continues to be needed during lockdowns and blood donation services continue to operate at all alert levels. Kaipara College Hall will be open for blood donation on Thursday the 24th September between 7am and 5pm. They will be following all the MOH alert level guidelines to enable you to give blood safely. The blood drive is open to anyone aged 16+ and you can check eligibility to give blood by completing this [Eligibility Quiz](#)

Auckland Transport: online Young Driver workshops

The Road Safety team at Auckland Transport are running some online Young Driver workshops from 21-24 September while we are in lockdown. There are also a lot of other workshops coming up in October – December. All updated workshops and other details are available on the Young Drivers website.

<https://at.govt.nz/driving-parking/road-safety/young-drivers/>

Local and emergency support available

If you are needing any support through this difficult time please use this useful list of what is available.

[Local and emergency contacts for support.docx](#)

Here is an article that might provide some helpful tips for [Parenting teens in lockdown](#)

Our focus as always is to support the learning, safety and wellbeing of our rangatahi 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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