



COVID-19 Update 4

23 March 2020

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

By now you will likely have heard the announcement that schools will close from tomorrow, 24th March 2020, in response to the COVID-19 virus. Staff will remain available to have students at school for any working in Essential Services until Wednesday. Please email me at principal@hinuera.school.nz if you are needing to use this support. Over the next two days we will be transitioning to distance learning, and we expect to have that fully implemented by Thursday morning, once school site responsibilities are completed.

We have been working extremely hard to be ready for school closures, and our teachers and students are prepared for online learning. We are providing our Hinni Families with an example of what a day at home could look like. Our teachers will be working off a similar timetable to provide learning to students via online platforms.

The Junior School, Kowhai, Rimu, Kauri and Matai, will be providing learning activities and tasks through SeeSaw. Make sure that you have access to your child's SeeSaw and Mathletics accounts.

The Senior School, Pohutakawa, Rata and Tanekaha, will be providing learning activities through SeeSaw and Google Drive. Rata and Tanekaha will be the main classrooms to utilise Google Drive. Make sure your child has access to their SeeSaw accounts, Google Drive and Mathletics.

Make sure you check your child's homework books for login details. Email your classroom teacher should you be unable to locate these.

In general you can expect that teachers will provide learning activities daily (Monday-Friday) for your children. You should see or hear them via video or voice links. They will provide feedback on learning and support students in any way that they can.

Should you not have access to the internet and a device, please make sure you contact the school to let us know.

We also recognise that now that we are required to self-isolate, our teachers will also have their families to look after, so some flexibility will be needed for everyone. We will also provide ideas for at home learning opportunities on our school facebook page. Should you have questions or concerns, your first point of call will be with your child's teacher. Updated staff email addresses will be available on our school website. You can also contact Jade Butler should your child have specific learning needs that you wish to have some support around or should you need clarification of any sort.

Many thanks for your ongoing support, and take care. Dean McDonnell, principal and the Hinuera BOT.