

Rise UP Academy

Alert Level 4-18th August 2021

#1-Whanau Memorandum

Kia ora koutou

We are now all in Alert Level 4 which means that our school will not be open for 7 days.

Today many feelings will be felt, many thoughts will be whirring as we adjust and respond and react again. As our sense of predictability and control seems to shift gear again, we face the key challenge right now which is "sitting with uncertainty" once again.

While we wait for government briefings to bring us more certainty, more control, can I encourage us as a community to hold fast to the stable and steady parts of our lives. Highlight and emphasise those things - connection with friends and family, love and care within our homes, the never changing love of God who holds us through this. Encourage any connection building whether that is formal like connecting with teachers online, or informal, within your bubble at dinner or for a "walk and talk" or with friends online.

Our distance learning plan for the moment:

- 1. Teachers will be communicating all possible and expected learning for your children on DOJO.*
- 2. If you have not used DOJO your child's classroom teacher will provide your student login and password via email and/or text.*
- 3. To keep things short, sharp and smooth our learning schedule will be from 9am-12pm and teachers will be available to answer any clarifications regarding learning between these hours Monday to Friday.*
- 4. While we wait for devices to be distributed, you can access Home learning activities provided through the Ministry of Education sites, <https://learningfromhome.govt.nz/>*
- 5. With such short notice we weren't able to hand out devices or hard packs to students in order to support distance learning therefore there will not be any ZOOM sessions until devices have been distributed.*
- 6. Your teacher will be in touch tomorrow with some information to support learning from home.*
- 7. We are also awaiting Learning Packs from Ministry of Education and will inform you all when they have been sent.*

Whanau engagement support updates:

- Thank you to all our whanau who have completed the survey. Please complete the whanau survey by today. This will help our teaching team

plan for distance learning. The whanau educators will make contact with whanau who have not completed the survey.

- Whanau if your contact details- phone number, home and/or email addresses have changed please let us know. Laura has sent out a text today asking parents to update their contact details.
- To our whanau who have registered for the Synergy programme we will not be starting next week. We will inform you of the new start date.
- If anyone in your whanau has tested positive for COVID 19 please advise us immediately.
- We will have our school devotion next Monday on Te RUA Facebook page live at 9am.

Our focus as always will be 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 child's teacher kaiako or our leadership team directly, if there is something you need assistance with. Sooner is better and no question is too small.

Praise God that we can access his wisdom, mercy and grace at any time on all occasions. Take care and let's keep praying for our students, whanau and staff.

Ngā mihi
Sita Selupe
Principal