

31 August 2021

Kia ora koutou



I hope this message finds you and your bubble well and that you have not been personally affected by this latest outbreak. Firstly let me say a huge thank you to all the essential workers that have been doing an amazing job over the last 2 weeks. The Government announced yesterday that Auckland will remain at Alert Level 4 until at least Tuesday 14th September and this will be reviewed on Monday 13th September. We are all hopeful that we will move to Alert Level 3 shortly after this.

Student attendance at Level 3

In anticipation of a move to Alert Level 3, we need to start collecting details of students who will need to return to school. Alert level 3 still has significant restrictions, and as the Prime Minister has stated numerous times, schools are essentially closed. The key messages from the government are very clear:

- If you can, you must continue to keep your child at home.
- Only students that cannot be supervised at home (as their parents are returning to work away from home and there is no other option for childcare) can attend school.

In addition, any student or staff member who:

- has an underlying health issue that puts them at risk of severe illness must also remain at home.
- is unwell or whose family has been asked to self isolate must also stay at home. We are trying to keep our school bubble/s as small as possible for the safety of students, staff and all of our whanau.

Once at Level 3 we will continue with our Distance Learning for all children, and only provide supervision for those who have to be at school because there is absolutely no other option for their care.

We need 100% of parents to complete the following survey or email us. We have some very vulnerable staff who will not be able to be at school for their safety, so it is imperative that we hear from all families so we can plan effectively. We can not have students arriving at school on a casual basis.

[Attendance Survey August 2021 COVID19](#)

If you would prefer to email please send the following details to Mrs Somerville Smith (Deputy principal) via email: ismith@glenfieldint.school.nz :

- Student's name & class, parent contact name and phone contact
- I will be keeping my child home **OR**
- I need to send my child to school as no one is at home to care for them
- If your child must attend school, please indicate who the designated caregiver is that will be dropping them off and collecting them from school

Once the Alert Level 3 School Attendance register is in place, more specific instructions will be emailed to families that have a student registered.

School Camp

At this stage, school camp is still going ahead in November. The office team will continue to communicate with families whose child is scheduled to attend.

Sports Update

We have had a number of inquiries from families about sporting competitions. As all these competitions are run by outside agencies, we are restricted to information that they share with us. Below are two updates we have just received.

North Harbour Netball

NHN announced yesterday through a media release that they are cancelling the remainder of the season. This is from the email we received:

We have decided to cancel the remaining 2021 winter season. This has been a difficult decision, however with the uncertainty around when we will move to a level that will allow us to play and the limited time remaining until the end of term, we felt that the best decision was to make the call early.

Please give us some time to work through how we will manage the logistics of finalising the season and we will communicate this as soon as we are able (North Harbour Netball Lynette Brady Chief Executive Officer).

Sports Camp in Matamata

We have been in regular contact with the team at Totara Springs as our competition is approaching quickly. With COVID-19, Sports Camp can only go ahead at Alert Level 1 so the difficult decision has been made to cancel Sports Camp for Auckland Schools. We know this is hugely disappointing for the students, parents and Miss Campbell who have been preparing so hard. Miss Campbell will communicate directly to families about next steps in relation to the sports camp monies that have been paid.

Please do not hesitate to contact one of us if you have any questions.

Together, we will get through this.

Ngā mihi

Mark Whitford
Principal

Leanne Somerville Smith
Deputy Principal

Sarah Stevenson
Assistant Principal

Important Support Information for your Well being

We know these are challenging times for everyone. If you need some support, here are some agencies that can help if required:

Helplines that are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week:

- *Mental Health Crisis: 0800 800 717*
- *Lifeline for counselling and support: 0800 543 354 or 0800 LIFELINE*
- *Samaritans for confidential support for anyone who is lonely or in emotional distress: 0800 726 666*
- *Depression Helpline to talk to a trained counsellor about how you are feeling or to ask any questions: 0800 111 757 or free text 4206*
- *Healthline for advice from trained registered nurses: 0800 611 116*
- *Suicide Prevention Helpline: 0508 828 865*
- *Counselling Free Call or Text 1737.*

Also available:

- *Family Services 211 Helpline for help finding and direct transfer to community-based health and social support services in your area: 0800 211 211*
- [Family Services Directory online](#)
- [Unite Against COVID-19: Family and sexual violence prevention](#) for help and support if you're experiencing family violence or sexual violence.