



# Tapawera Area School

*Te Kura ā Rohe o Tapawera*



24 March 2020

**Dear Parent/Caregiver**

Novel-Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Next 4 Weeks

Further to the Prime Minister's announcement and our update yesterday we would like to provide further information relating to the next 4 weeks.

### **Summary:**

- Tuesday 24 and Wednesday 25 March – school is closed to students.
- At 11.59pm on Wednesday 25 March New Zealand moves into Alert Level 4 and all schools close completely. For the remainder of this week (Tuesday 24 – Friday 27 March) there is an expectation that students will be required to work from home.
- The government have moved school holidays forward. These will take place from 30 March – 14 April.
- From the 15–22 April term 2 commences, but with students and schools working remotely and engaged in distance learning.
- From April 23 school may resume as usual, however this date may be pushed out further by the Prime Minister and cabinet.

### **Preparing for Online Learning**

Over the next few days, Teachers will make contact with students if internet access is possible. Teachers have set work where possible and they will provide support and input either via a Google Classroom or Google Docs. If these options are not available to you then email may be the next best option.

### **Device Loans**

We have a limited supply of devices that we could lend. However these will be no help if a home doesn't have sufficient internet service. If you think this could be helpful to you please contact Kelvin: [kwoodley@tapawera.school.nz](mailto:kwoodley@tapawera.school.nz) I won't be able to help after Tuesday 25 March.

### **School transport**

All buses will recommence normal routes once school reopens.

### **Communication**

Communication over this period will be primarily via School Loop (available free from your App store), our school email tree and our school Facebook Page.

If you have questions please direct them to [kwoodley@tapawera.school.nz](mailto:kwoodley@tapawera.school.nz)

Thank you for your support and understanding during this time.

Kelvin Woodley

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## **Anticipated Calendar**

23 March - Moved to level 3

24 March - Essential services students only at school (Tapawera had none)

25 March - Staff preparing student learning materials either at school or at home

26 March - School closed - Home learning begins

30 March - School holidays commence (brought forward)

14 April - Last day of holiday break

15 April - Term 2 begins - Home learning recommences

22 April - Proposed end of Home learning period

23 April - Lock-down period ends OR is extended. (Possible restart day for school)