



The KPS Weekly

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For those of you who have no idea (teachers included) what week it is, we are currently in Week Four of Term Two. We hope this newsletter finds you well and you are keeping warm and dry with the change in the weather. From today, I am returning to regular newsletters on Wednesdays so please keep an eye out for them. As I hear more information about Alert Level 2, I will update you separately.

Alert Level 2

We are currently putting together a plan for students returning to school and will have this finalised for when the government decides that the country will go to Alert Level 2. As you may be aware, the Prime Minister has told us that we will have 48 hours to prepare for Alert Level 2. As this is not a lot of time for schools to set up, we are considering adding one of our teacher only days, if necessary. This would allow us to make sure teachers can prepare our school site for the safe return of your tamariki and also to plan so students can transition back to school as smoothly as possible. Once we have more information on this I will let you know.

Learning

I hope that the learning provided is meeting your whanau's needs. Teachers are continuing to develop their skills with online learning tools so they can provide lessons that cater to as many needs as possible. Earlier this week, I was able to look at some of the learning that has been posted online and I'm very impressed.

I've heard from several families who have struggled with passwords and logins for devices. If you are having trouble, please contact your classroom teacher or give us a call at school, (04)2985605, so we can offer assistance. I've also heard from some families who are anxious about teaching their own children. We know you all want the best for your children and are doing the best that you can. We really appreciate the effort you have put in. **I can't stress enough that the most important factor at the moment is the wellbeing of you and your family.** Just do what you can, take lots of breaks, allow your children to get outside often, go for walks and enjoy each others' company. You are all doing a great job.

We have had a handful of students back at school over Alert Level 3 which has allowed us to set up good systems to keep those students and staff safe in a contained bubble. Thank you to the staff onsite who are supporting those students and thank you to all staff who continue to provide online learning opportunities.

Wellbeing

0800 486 486

The phone number above has been created by KCDC to help support the local community at this time. If you need any support of any kind please call this number. It is a difficult time for all of us and it is great to see that the council has organised this central connection. I have personally called the hotline to support

some of our families and the team are very helpful. I've also attached to this email a list of support services that can be accessed if you need to.

Now that we are back on site, we are able to make more phone calls to check in with many of you. If you have a spare minute, it would be great for you to call someone and check in with them, find out how they are doing and have a bit of a chat.

Online Learning and Staying Safe

We know that many of you are accessing learning online which is awesome. Please make sure your children are being monitored. Below is a link to some videos that can support you with this.

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/johnparsonsS2E/>

Please continue to stay safe and remain in your extended bubble. As a country, we have done an amazing job dealing with this pandemic and we will need to continue to be vigilant to ensure all our hard work pays off. We are missing all of you at school and are looking forward to having you return at some stage in the near future. Take care all.

**Nga mihi nui,
Brent McDowell
Principal**