

23 March 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers

In the light of the announcement made today, this is to advise that Hauraki School is closed from tomorrow except for the children of essential workers. These children should report to their classroom as usual in the morning. The school will be closed entirely from this Thursday 26 March.

A list of essential businesses can be found here - <https://covid19.govt.nz/government-actions/covid-19-alert-system/>

School holidays are being brought forward. They will now begin from Monday 30 March to Tuesday 14 April inclusive (a reminder that the Tuesday after Easter Monday is always a closed day for schools).

At the end of the school holidays, schools will be open for distance learning but not physically open for staff to work at the schools. Please note the instruction to stay home (Alert Level 4) will continue beyond the new school holiday period but schools will be technically open for distance instruction. Teachers will be working offsite.

Fortunately, we have planned for this scenario so children are able to continue their learning at home. Today we have sent home Seesaw codes for all students in years 1-5 and an explanatory note to assist with logging on. Work is to be completed on Seesaw or in exercise books that were sent home today. **For those who were absent today you may come and collect codes and exercise books from the school tomorrow.**

Work is to be provided each morning by 9am via Seesaw by the classroom teacher that will include instructions. Children should log in at this time from tomorrow, 24 March. Work for year 6 students will be sent to them using Hapara that children at this level are very familiar with. Teachers will be monitoring what children are completing each day and providing support along the way. Children are able to message teachers if they have queries. We have tried to provide work that children are able to complete independently but parent monitoring would be appreciated if this is possible. This is to continue till Friday 27 March when the 'new' holidays begin.

Thank you for the support that so many of you have indicated over the last little while especially. The staff and I are committed to maintaining children's learning as much as we can.

Please do not hesitate to email class teachers or myself if you wish to make contact. I will touch base with you again in a few days time.

Take care as we navigate our way through this challenging time.

Clarinda Franklin  
Principal