

20 September 2021



Dear Parents/Caregivers

Kia ora koutou

It is a relief that we are finally about to move to level 3, although unfortunately it will not be school as we know it, until the beginning of next term, 18 October, at the earliest.

We will, however, continue to support your children through our distance home learning programme over the next couple of weeks. In line with Ministry guidelines the school will be open on Wednesday 22 September for the small number of students who need to attend, that is, those whose parents need to go to work and for whom there is no appropriate carer available.

If you do need to send your children to school, please email me principal@hauraki.school.nz by **no later than 3pm Tuesday 21 September** so onsite staff supervision can be organised. Work provided will be the same as for those working from home.

All our usual safety precautions will be in place which includes following the recommendations from the public health experts. This means we will regularly clean and disinfect high touch surfaces, encourage everyone to frequently wash hands and cover their coughs and sneezes, and keep physically distanced from others as much as possible. We will also keep bubbles to no more than ten students. Please do not send anyone to school who is unwell.

Lastly, I am very proud of how we have all responded to this outbreak and would like to acknowledge, firstly, the dedicated efforts of teaching staff. Also a big thank you to all parents who have been supporting their children with learning at home. We know this is not easy but have been impressed with the overall high level of engagement by students.

Unfortunately, we are not quite done yet! As you have been doing, please continue to follow all the alert level requirements and stay home as much as possible. It is the best tool we have to keep our whanau and community safe.

Nga mihi
Clarinda Franklin
Principal