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Kia ora Waimairi whānau,

As the beautiful weather continues and we are able to get out and exercise in a beautiful, quiet, car-less city it is easy to forget about the pain that this lockdown is causing.

So many in our Waimairi community are facing uncertainty. Business failures, reduced pay, redundancy, inability to visit vulnerable and sick loved ones, and a range of other significant challenges.

I offer you my sincere best wishes to those coping with these challenges, which you are having to face in an isolated bubble.

### Level 3 reopening

Please continue to filter out the media 'soundbites' and the opinions of 'commentators' and get your Waimairi reopening details from the official channels, which we forward on to you.

We started today on our possible reopening plans. The first task we have is to find out how many children we are preparing for.

*"Where possible, **students should remain at home** connected to distance learning. Where parents or caregivers need to, they can send their children to school. Schools will be a safe place for children to go to learn **if their parents need to return to work, or the children cannot learn at a distance**. Children who are able to, should remain home and learn via distance."*

(<https://covid19.govt.nz/alert-system/alert-level-3/#education>)

If you need to send your children to school when we reopen at Level 3 please complete this form as soon as possible. Do not fill in this form if your children are staying at home.

<https://forms.gle/Zogs2bmnVbUeaeLLA>

### Device deliveries update

We know that many of you are still waiting for device deliveries. We are waiting on our packaging materials to arrive. Once this is done the devices will be on their way to you.

The Ministry of Education has managed to ship 12,000 orders in the last five days. Priority is being given to senior secondary NCEA students. So please do be patient. It will be our turn soon.

### **Internet access and modems**

In the coming week we hope to be able to start to progress connections and modems for those without any connectivity at home.

### **Remember Learning TV**

Regardless of your distance learning situation Learning TV on TVNZ 2 +1 is recommended as part of your child's daily learning routine.

### **Waimairi Google accounts**

If you have not received your Waimairi account activation details, or are having issues logging in, please get in touch.

We do not know how long the current arrangements will last for.

And as we expand our distance learning options you will need to use your Waimairi account. Logging kids in with your personal accounts is not a secure option for many reasons.

In most cases it only takes a 60 second phone call to get it sorted for you.

Call me tomorrow on 03 352 9208 ext 802 if you need help with this.

### **Class programmes are ramping up this coming week**

Our dedicated staff did a great job last week starting to practice their profession in a totally new environment.

Next week, as their confidence and digital competence builds the school will settle more into its new rhythm of learning.

Please keep being kind to our staff. We are all in this together.

### **Covid Comms**

If you feel like you have missed something, or are unsure of how to get in touch with us, just use the COVID-19 link on our school website

[www.waimairi.school.nz](http://www.waimairi.school.nz)

Nāhaku noa, nā

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