



**7 May 2020**

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Catherine Fitzpatrick: Mon-Tues-Wed

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**Term Dates 2020**

Mon 3 Feb – Thu 9 Apr

Tue 28 Apr – Fri 3 Jul

Mon 20 Jul – Fri 25 Sept

Mon 12 Oct – Tue 15 Dec

**Absentee Number, Texts Only** 027 641 2046

Tēnā Koutou, parents, families and whanau,

We are officially in Week 2 of Term 2, however this is the fourth week of distance learning. I can confirm that the end of Term 2 has not changed and will be Friday the 3rd of July. I purposely delayed my contribution to this week's newsletter until after this afternoon's announcement by the Prime Minister as I know many of you will be interested to learn when your children can return to school.

It was heartening to hear that at Level 2 schools can open and students can return and perhaps top of the list for many of our students was that playgrounds can reopen. It was also comforting to hear the Ministry of Health reassurance that at Level 2 schools are safe environments for young people and staff. Key messages I took from the briefing were to maintain our high standards, practice good hygiene, have regular cleaning and to stay home when sick.

School leaders are expecting a list of procedures and safe practice requirements to ensure students and staff continue to remain safe. Schools have good practices for contact tracing and know that if we have a covid related case we must close immediately for at least a period of 72 hours and the possible requirement of closing for 14 days.

Much of the planning and preparation to move to Level 2 has been anticipated and we will be well placed once the decision is made and dates advised. The last two weeks we have continued to provide distance learning and I would like to acknowledge the participation and positive response from you all. As a parent myself I know the challenges associated with the delivery of in my personal case a Year 4 learning programme at home whilst juggling other commitments and I commend you all. I would like to also congratulate and thank our staff for their efforts as well. Today's outage with Vodafone presented a new challenge for many of our learners and some of our teachers, despite all the modern technologies we can still have human error as was the unfortunate case for the contractor in Matamata here.

I'm looking forward to joining our teams tomorrow as they host zemblies (zoom assemblies).

Again a reminder, we encourage you to please keep regularly checking your emails as this is our school's main form of information sharing and there will be further information throughout COVID-19 that will be shared.

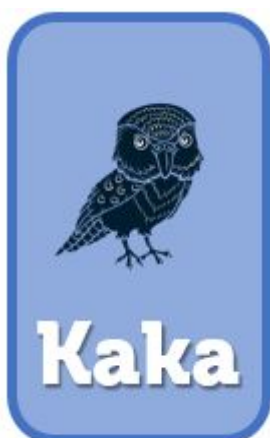
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Blake Carlin  
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