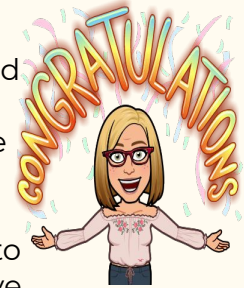


Dear whānau

Celebrating moving to Level 1

I am sure that you are as relieved as we are that we have become one of only 9 countries world wide to be Covid free. This is an amazing achievement and something that as a country we should be extremely proud of. Many of us will still have whānau and friends living across the world that are in very different circumstances and we do know that the economic impact will continue to be felt for months to come. However, for now we can celebrate and feel the relief that Alert Level 1 brings.

For us, there will be no major changes to what we are doing and our school continues to be safe to attend, including any staff and children who are considered more vulnerable to COVID-19. We have a good cleaning routine in place, people who are sick are staying at home and we continue to encourage good hygiene practices.



Drop Off

Thank you very much to all those that completed the survey. 76% of whānau were in favour of continuing the gate drop off and 24% would rather we did not continue with it. We have decided to go with the following:

- There will still be an adult on the **bike gate** and **front gate** where children can enter each morning so gate drops offs can continue for the majority that want to continue with this. (Moonstone's gate will not be accessible once teachers cars are back in the car park area)
- Parents that want to enter with their children may do so, but we strongly encourage independent practices like: carrying their own bags, unpacking their bags in classrooms and following morning routines without parent direction. .
- Friday morning will still be open morning where whānau can stay until 9.45am and then enjoy a cuppa in the office with me from 9.45am - 10.15am or assemblies mornings in the hall





Pick up

Classes will still be brought out to the gate at the end of the day and released from there. We have found this means we can see who children go to and this leads to less safety concerns. Moonstone and Emerald will use the front gate and Sapphire the bike gate, once teachers are using the car park again.

Parents wanting to come in at the end of the day to use the playground are welcome to bring their children back in with them.

Parents are able to enter from any gate and the Kindy gate will be open for through access.

Contact tracing

We are **not** expected to continue to contact trace in the same way any longer as the onus is now on the individual to keep a note of their own movements. We will still however retain our normal practice of having every visitor sign in at the office other than at drop off and pick-up in the afternoons.

We are supporting contact tracing by having QR code posters at our entrances – so if you haven't already downloaded the NZ COVID Tracer app the Ministry of Health's [NZ-COVID Tracer app page](#) has information to help you do that.

Extra Info

- Don't forget to sign up if you are wanting to [purchase class photos](#)
- Information will be coming out at the end of the week regarding our whānau learning talks on Wednesday and Thursday 1 & 2 July 2020

For the next week or so teachers will continue to park in front of the hall until children get used to the new routines and things feel like they are back to normal.

Kia haumaruru te noho (stay safe)

