



Tuesday 12 May 2020

Dear Parents/Caregivers

As you heard New Zealand will move into Alert Level 2 from 11.59pm on Wednesday 13 May. This means from Thursday Alert Level 2 criteria will apply. Yesterday we also received additional detail about what Alert Level 2 will look like for students when they return to school on Monday 18 May.

The key message is that **it is safe for staff and students to return to school at Alert Level 2**, and I must say we are very excited to welcome our students back to school!

Teachers and support staff will be at school on Friday setting up classrooms so their availability will be limited. Tasks will be set as usual but these will be tasks that the students can complete on their own during the day.

There will be some changes to our school day to make sure that everyone on site remains safe and healthy upon return. We are asking parents to complete a COVID-19 Return to School Health form. It is very simple, takes 5 minutes to complete and can be found [HERE](#). We are asking you to complete this form **BEFORE** your son/daughter returns to school under Alert Level 2. This is to protect the health and safety of all who will be on site (note staff are also completing a similar form). This form must be submitted before 9am on Monday 18 May.

### **First day – Monday 18 May:**

- If your child is sick, unwell or has flu like symptoms you must keep them at home.
- Distance learning will be available for any students who are unable to attend school due to illness or self-isolation.
- **Start times will be staggered. Please plan to arrive at the time stated – not earlier. At the designated time, students please meet on the courts. Once you have had your debrief you can go to class. If it is wet please go directly to class.**
- Teams will arrive as follows:
  - 9.00am Matai Team ONLY
  - 9.30am Rimu Team ONLY
  - 10.00am Kauri Team ONLY
  - 10.30am Totara Team ONLY
- Students may only enter the school through two entrances to the school (Poronui Street gates and Disraeli Street gates). No drop offs in the car parks please.



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- At both entrances there will be a team leader or the SLT providing hand sanitiser as students arrive.
- On arrival students go to the netball courts (if it's wet they go directly to class)
  - There will be a debrief for each team at the start of the day by the SLT
  - The transition plan will be shared and Health and Safety measures reinforced (e.g. washing hands, no touching).
- Wellbeing will be very important as we support students back into their new learning environment. Some may be feeling anxious or stressed about the upcoming changes and Gina our School Counsellor will be available to support students and their families (please email her [gspeedy@ani.school.nz](mailto:gspeedy@ani.school.nz)).
- If parents need to go to the office you must observe one metre distancing in this area.

### **The first week (transition week) – 18-22 May:**

- This week we have planned a special transition programme that Gina our counsellor has developed. It focuses on team building, mindfulness, and easing students back into school following a significant event. One of the websites we will be using is called Te Rito Toi <https://www.teritotoi.org/>. It is a resource that was sourced by our Community of Learning (CoL) wellness group led by Mr Lawrence and has been shared across all CoL schools. Check it out as it has some fabulous ideas.
- All our classes have handwashing provisions with soap, water and paper towels available.
- Two part time staff will be regularly wiping surfaces down throughout the day in addition to our cleaners deep cleaning classes and common use areas at the end of each day.

### **The rest of Term 2:**

- Full school assemblies will be on hold for this term but team assemblies will go ahead in the barn as we are able to provide distance between this number of students.
- Children will return to normal class programme following transition week. Learning will return to the pre-lockdown and our young people will follow usual timetables and planned programmes of work. There have been some new skills and strategies that teachers and children have developed in working through delivering the curriculum online which will help enhance our classrooms.

### **....and please keep supporting our school!**

The economic impact of the COVID 19 lockdown on our community is something we're particularly aware of at ANI. Our school is not immune to the implications of the lockdown and relies on locally raised funds to balance our budget. School donations and the fundraising of the PTA help us provide a high-quality programme to every student. If your family is in a position to contribute towards your school donation, please know every dollar counts for our school. Partial contributions are better than nothing and much appreciated.

Thank you once again for your support over the past few weeks – we can't wait to see ANI come back to life when our staff and students return on Monday 18 May.





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The Friday Flyer this week will have a summary of the information above and also a reminder to complete the health form. We will be following up all non-returns so please save us time and send it in so we are not chasing you.

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Jill Farquharson  
Principal

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