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NEWSLETTER

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Kia Ora Koutou Parents and Whānau

I hope that this newsletter finds you all safe and well in your bubbles at home, together.

Congratulations and well done to everyone on their efforts so far in their 'at home learning'. I understand that for many of you that this is a huge undertaking and I thank you for the lengths you have gone to, to ensure your children continue to learn and grow (in some form) at home.

From a school perspective, our focus and priority are your health and wellbeing. Not just that of our children but that of our families and those people dearest to you in your bubbles. You are the ones that know how much 'at home learning' is possible and realistic for you. Do not put any undue pressure on yourselves to perform. Do what you can and we are here to support you in whatever ways necessary.



Emily Alice Tong (7lb 10) Born 1 April 2020

ANZAC celebrations will look a lot different this year for the first time since its inception. It is wonderful to see so many children and families completing activities associated with this significant event in our history, whilst restricted in our own historical event.

I extend a warm welcome to our new entrants and their families; Travis Steel and Kahlia Diack have started Heriot School in strange circumstances. I look forward to the time when we are all together back at school and I can welcome you both properly.

Congratulations to Aimee Keen and Chris Tong on the arrival of Emily Alice Tong, a wee sister for her big brother Charlie. Well done to Chris and Aimee. I understand it was a very quick trip to (and from) Dunedin hospital.

PLEASE READ THE IMPORTANT INFORMATION BELOW.

Thank you.

Stay safe.

Colin McHutchon
Tumuaki/Principal

SENDING CHILDREN TO SCHOOL IN ALERT LEVEL THREE

As you will be aware, children of essential workers who do not have alternative care and are unable to stay home, can return to school next week. This is an absolute right and (all staff agree) we will do everything we can to ensure you are accommodated, if this is necessary for you.

The following is not meant to discourage you, rather than to provide you with the information we are aware of at this point. In depth guidelines are going to be made available to us from the Ministry of Education on Thursday 23 April.

The conditions that children will be a part of are restrictive. They will be contact traced with everyone that they come in contact with. Children are not allowed on the jungle gym, on any equipment, to use the sticks in the playground or to handle any other sports or play equipment. They must remain one metre apart inside and two metres apart outside at all times.

These are strict health and safety measures in an attempt to guarantee the safety of students, staff and visitors to the school.

The programme that they would be a part of will be exactly the same as their learning at home and online.

School buses will be running. However, the one metre apart rule applies on the bus as well. If you would like your child to travel on the bus then you will need to wait with them until they are collected in the morning. This is to ensure that they get a seat, as transport operators are required to ensure that everyone adheres to the distancing rules on the bus and they may not be able to take your children.

As you can understand there is now urgency in us finding out who is needing to come to school.

PLEASE CONTACT ME BY 5.00PM THURSDAY 23 APRIL IF YOUR CHILD NEEDS TO ATTEND HERIOT SCHOOL IN ALERT LEVEL 3 FROM

WEDNESDAY 29 APRIL

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If you would like to discuss your circumstances or simply have a chat about this then please give me a call.

Thank you very much for your understanding.

Colin