



Sir Keith Park SPECIAL SCHOOL

Kia ora koutou; Kia orana; Talofa lava; Malo e Lelei; Fakalofa Lahi Atu; Namaste; Ni Sa Bula; Ni Hao; As-salamu Alaykum; Greetings to our Sir Keith Park School community

I hope this finds you all well in your mirumiru (bubble). Praise yourselves for your part in getting us this far through our pandemic storm. It has not been easy, but *most of us* have done it with integrity! We are making progress.



The Prime Minister has announced this afternoon that:

- We will remain in Level 4 lockdown until Tuesday 21st September 11.59pm and then
- Move into Level 3 for 2 weeks (that will take us to the school holidays)
- On Monday 4th October a new decision re next level will be made.

AT LEVEL 3 – SIR KEITH PARK SCHOOL IS STILL CLOSED

KA KATOA TE KURA O SIR KEITH PARK

The Board of Trustees have made the decision that Sir Keith Park School, inclusive of all satellite classes and outreach services, will remain closed in the initial stages of Level 3.

We are following the directive from the Covid-19 bulleting from the Secretary of Education on 29 August as follows:

"Residential Specialist Schools and Day Specialist Schools will not resume in the early stages of Alert Level 3 for children to physically attend. Teaching staff can return to the school premises and support parents and children at home. They will develop plans for children to return to physical attendance if public health measures can be managed later in the Alert Level 3 period."

The Board of Trustees have also decided that we will not be asking any teacher aides go into family homes in level 3. We shall continue to work to support home learning as best we can.

These decisions have been made with the health and wellbeing of our students, their whanau, caregivers and our staff our main focus. Our school community is a vulnerable group of learners and we need to exercise extra caution.

Teachers will continue to provide families with support for student learning, liaising with support staff and therapists.

NEXT STEPS: KAUPAE I MURI

Our Board of Trustees, Principal and Senior Leadership team will continue to work together to address all the issues associated with opening school at Level 2 and how we keep everyone safe within the Ministry of Health and Education's guidelines.

Please note that at any time the situation might change if the guidance we receive from the Ministry of Education changes. We will update you as more information evolves across the coming days / weeks.

Stay safe, Stay in your bubble and Be Kind, Kia Kaha.

Kathy Davidson, Principal / Tumuaiki

Rebecca Wood: Board Chair

