



**Kia tiki ake te pai**  
**ACCENTUATING THE POSITIVE**



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Kia ora e te whānau. Greetings families

Thank you to our incredible community for once again responding so swiftly to the news that we would be moving to Alert-Level 3 last night. I would also like to acknowledge our teachers who found out at exactly the same time you did that we would need to shift to distance learning today. They will be connecting via Seesaw over the next few days. I thank you for your understanding and giving our teachers time to get distance learning going while juggling their own families.

If you are unable to connect via Seesaw, please let your child's teacher know via email and they will support you to do this.

As we have done with the previous lock-downs, we will provide activities that you may want your children to do, but please always do what works best for your family. Teachers will provide a range of activities. All of these activities are optional. If you need a little extra, there is also the kete of ideas on the school website which will support you over the next few days.

Due to the change in Alert-Levels, we need to change some of the plans we had for this week. Of particular note;

- The new family information evening scheduled for tomorrow night is cancelled. We will hold this next term.
- The whānau picnic is postponed till further notice. As there is likely to be limits on gatherings, we will not be able to set a new date for this at this time. We will need to assess the situation over the next few days.

As always, we will be following the guidance of the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education. Over this period, I will provide an update each day.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [amandab@rutherfordprimary.school.nz](mailto:amandab@rutherfordprimary.school.nz)

He waka eke noa

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