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Dear Parents and Caregivers

Thank you so much for your responsive action to yesterday's news of school closures.

The school holidays have been moved forward. The school holidays will officially begin Monday 30 March and end Tuesday 14 April. No distance learning will be delivered until Wednesday 15 April.

This will provide our teachers with an opportunity to plan a really great distance learning program.

Our teachers have started working on a plan moving forward. There are some things for you to know;

- This week our teachers will plan for distance learning which will include online and non-online options. We are making learning packs with hard copy resources available to families who don't have access to devices and/or online capability. If you need one of these please email the office and we will arrange to get one to you.
- They will be connecting with you via Seesaw, email, or phone to check on the availability of your connectivity so they can plan how best to deliver learning to your child.
- They will come up with a list of suggested activities that you might like to do with your children over the school holidays.

We realise that these are unusual times and the school holidays will be different than normal. Our teachers are putting together a list of suggestions of holiday activities that you can do at home with your children. We will share that with you soon. During the holiday period our teachers will be checking emails and Seesaw messages, however their focus will be on planning. They will aim to reply to messages within a 48 hour timeframe. After the holiday period, our teachers will be connecting via Seesaw, email or phone every day.

Teachers will contact you between Monday 6 April and Wednesday 8 April with information about what the learning program for their class will look like.

We expect to continue to receive updates from the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health. I will send updates as I have new information.

If you have any questions, please contact me at amandab@rutherfordprimary.school.nz

Nga mihi nui

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