



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



24 AUGUST 2021

Kia ora e te whānau

Today we head into our second week at Alert-Level 4. I am sure it did not come as a big surprise to hear that Auckland would remain at Alert-Level 4 for at least another week. The Prime Minister confirmed yesterday that the cabinet would meet on Monday to decide the next steps for Auckland and there would be an update on Monday afternoon. However, Auckland would remain at Alert-Level 4 till at least 11.59pm on Tuesday 31st August. We are prepared for whatever happens and will continue to support you. The teachers have their distance learning programs up and running.



**Non-screen activities you can do at home**

What can you do when there's no school and you're stuck at home? Here are 25 fun ideas to choose from.

**25 Ideas!**

- How many different words can you make from the letters in this sentence, below? Grab a pencil and paper and write a list!
- Thank a community hero. Think of someone that helps you in some way and write a short letter to thank them.
- Get building! You could build a Lego model, a tower of playing cards or something else!
- Can you create your own secret code? You could use letters, numbers, pictures or something else! Can you get someone else to try and crack it?
- Start a nature diary. Look out of the window each day and keep note of what you see. Birds, flowers, changes in the weather, what else?
- Hold a photo session. Use a camera or a mobile phone to take some snaps. What will you photograph? Your pets or toys perhaps?
- Build a reading den. Find somewhere cosy, snuggle up and read your favourite book!
- Use an old sock to create a puppet. Can you put on a puppet show for someone?
- Make a list of all the electrical items in each room of your home. Can you come up with any ideas to use less electricity?
- Design and make a homemade board game and play it with your family.
- Do something kind for someone. Can you pay them a compliment, make them something or help them with a task?
- Can you create a story bag? Find a bag and collect items to go in it that relate to a well-known story. If you can't find an item, you could draw a picture to include.
- List making! Write a list of things that make you happy, things you're grateful for or things you are good at.
- Design and make an obstacle course at home or in the garden. How fast can you complete it? Draw a picture or write a description.
- Can you invent something new? Perhaps a gadget or something to help people? Draw a picture or write a description.
- Keep moving!
- Write a play
- Read out loud
- Write a song or rap about your day
- Get sketching!

## DISTANCE LEARNING

Teachers are sharing a range of activities on Seesaw for you to select from. We remind you that no activities are compulsory and you should always do what works for your whānau at this time. Teachers have tried to offer a range of activities which link to some of the learning that children have been doing in class, but that they can do at home.

We also have a range of activities on our distance learning kete which is located on our school website. In this kete you will find suggestions of levelled activities. We have just recently added a range of task boards with suggestions for offline activities. These are particularly useful when balancing children's screen time and when children are sharing a device.

[Distance Learning Kete of Ideas](#)

If you need any support with distance learning, contact your child's teacher.

## HELPING YOUR CHILD TO BE SAFE ONLINE

The organization that keeps children safe online at school Network for Learning has set up a free safety filter that you can access at home. This service can be accessed through the N4L website - [Switch on Safety](#)



Regularly check locations of interest to see if you need to get tested. [Search for new locations of interest](#)

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New Zealand is at Alert Level 4

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**Access to food or essential items**

We all need food and essential items such as medicine through Alert Level changes, so please don't try to go without. Learn more about the many ways of getting food and other essential items to you.

**On this page**

- Food delivery if you are sick or isolating
- Staying safe when getting food delivered
- Financial help to buy food

## AGENCIES THAT ARE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU

Please do reach out if you need support. There is useful information about access to food and essential items here; <https://covid19.govt.nz/activities/access-to-food-or-essential-items/>

## SCHOOL SITE

Thank you for keeping your bubbles tight. We remind you that the whole of the school grounds are closed during Alert-Level 4. This is by direction of the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education. We thank you for keeping our school safe by not coming into the school grounds.

We wish you all a safe and wonderful week in your bubbles.

He waka eke noa  
Ngā mihi nui  
Amanda Bennett  
Tumuaki

**SAMOSA FUNDRAISER**

**POSTPONED**

Rutherford Primary School is fundraising for the school grounds in September. We have freshly made samosas available for purchase. Please see the link below!

- Butter Chicken \$22 for bag of 10
- Lamb \$22 for bag of 10
- Vegetable \$22 for bag of 10

<https://bit.ly/RPSamosa>

Orders Close: Friday 20th August at 12 noon  
Pick up: Rutherford Primary office Friday 27th August