



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



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Kia ora e te whānau. Greetings families

It has been such a joy engaging with children and families this week. I have thoroughly enjoyed seeing the partnership between home and school develop. I sincerely thank our staff and families for the fantastic job you have all done navigating these times.

I am aware that over the next few weeks, things will likely change again and we will once again find what we consider a new normal. I will keep you updated as things develop. At Rutherford, we will continue to be guided by the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education, as we have done previously.

For now, we remain at Alert Level 3, but there are two very important things to think about right now;

1. Do you need your child to return to school next week because you have to go to work and there is no adult in the house to care for your child? I remind you that children need to be registered to attend school at Alert Level 3, so we comply with Health & Safety regulations. If your child needs to attend school, please call the school or notify us via email at [office@rutherfordprimary.school.nz](mailto:office@rutherfordprimary.school.nz), by Friday 12pm, so we can prepare for your child.
2. Do we have your correct contact details? If you are currently staying somewhere else or have moved house or think that we may not have your correct email, address and phone numbers, please call or email us at the above address so we can update your details. In the coming weeks, it will be very important that we can reach you to communicate current information.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [amandab@rutherfordprimary.school.nz](mailto:amandab@rutherfordprimary.school.nz)

Kia kaha - He waka eke noa

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