

14 February 2020

Kia ora koutou,

As you will know by now we are going into another lockdown starting at midnight tonight. Our staff have been meeting this evening since the announcement and you will hear from your teacher/team tomorrow morning with notification of a 930am ZOOM call that we would encourage you all to join. If you can not join the ZOOM we will update you via email with the information you have missed. Our THINK, LEARN, CREATE website link will be renewed tomorrow around 9am with work that you may have seen before. New updates will be online by Tuesday morning.

The Ministry of Education has the following to say:

There have been three confirmed cases of COVID-19 in South Auckland.

As a result, the Government announced at 7pm that the whole of Auckland will move from Alert Level 1 to Alert Level 3 for the next 72 hours from midnight tonight. [i.e., Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week].

That means that where possible you should keep your children home from school for this period.

If you do need to send a child/ren to school tomorrow please email the office on <u>office@edendale.school.nz</u> with your child's name/s so we can be prepared for them as most staff will be working from home. The school gates will not be open and the only entry into the school will be via the office doors off Sandringham Road. They open at 8.20am. Thanks for your understanding.

Although this is for a short period, at this time we are activating our distance learning plan tomorrow morning, as we did when we have been in previous lock downs. First and foremost we want to stay connected to you and your Tamariki.

COVID-19 continues to be a factor we need to consider, and I assure you we have a robust plan and will do everything we need to for your children and your wider family and whānau.

If the situation changes, we will be in touch again. Please contact us if you have any concerns or questions. We will update you via email, the school App and Seesaw. The schoolwide information will be the same on each platform.

Ngā mihi

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Jonathan Ramsay [Principal] on behalf of all staff *Stay well, stay safe and be kind.*