

Newsletter - Week 5 Term 3

Greenmeadows School 27th August 2021

Principal's Message

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Producing a newsletter during a nationwide lock down ...? This a very unique situation for us all.

I have usually been putting out information for our community via the GMS Facebook page. However not everyone uses Facebook, so we will try this newsletter to see if we get a wider reach.

I hope that everything is going well for you all. I am sure that some of you are faced with wide and varying challenges in the current situation - if there is any way people at school can assist please do not hesitate to make contact via Seesaw or Facebook, or email.

Kia kaha

Take care

Mark Johnson
Principal

ALERT LEVEL 3 - from Wednesday 1 September

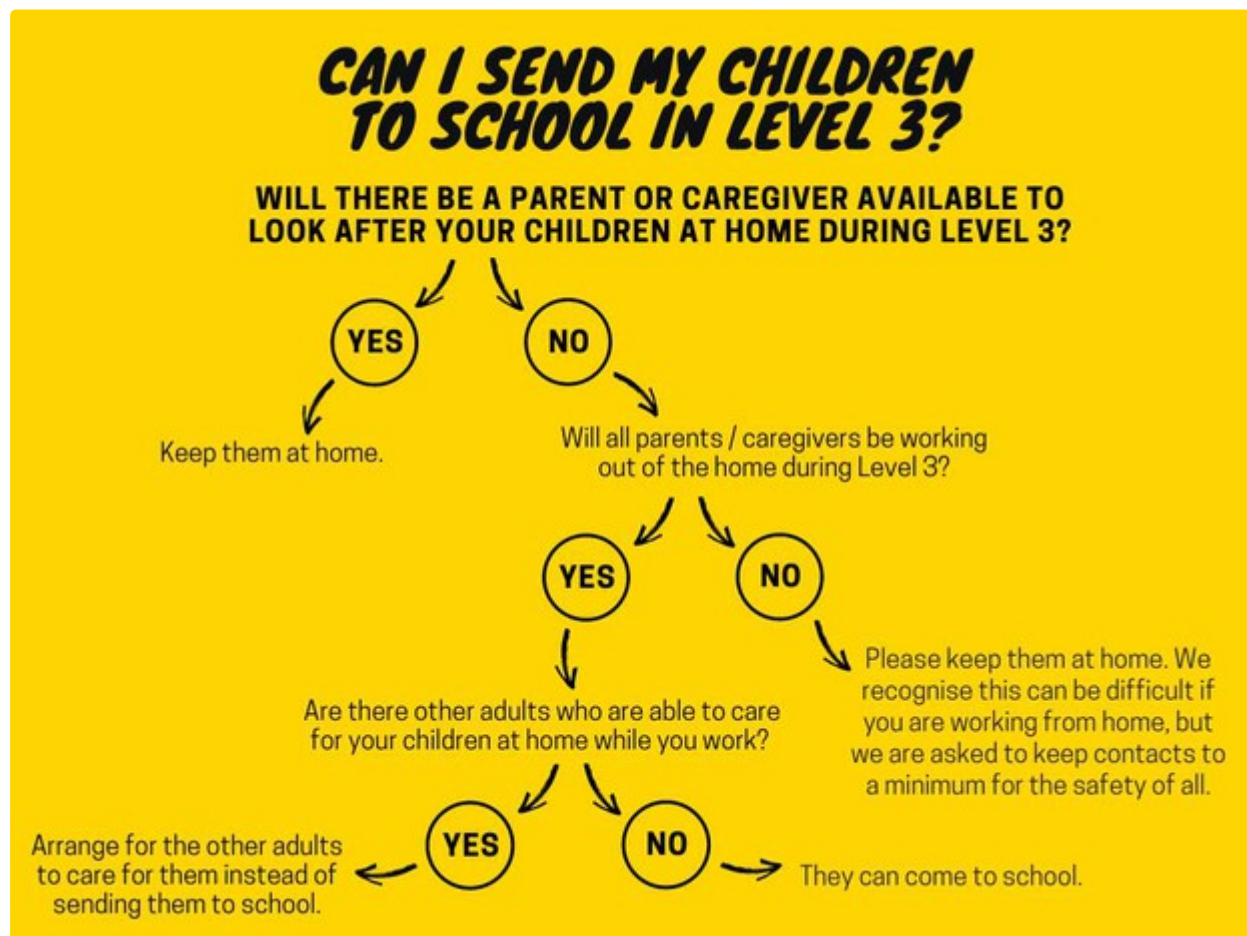
The announcement from the Prime Minister just this afternoon signals that from Wednesday morning Greenmeadows School will operating at Level 3.

Level 3 means that school is closed for all, apart from children of parents who have **no means of getting their children cared for while they are at work.**

There is a link to a survey that we need completed ONLY for those families and whānau who need to have their children attend during level 3 to 'Bubble School'.

Here is the link: <https://forms.gle/sjEoJ6Y9y4Kwrk1r5>

Use this flow chart below to help you.



NEW ENROLMENTS IN A LOCKED DOWN LAND!!

Just before we were forced to close, we had some new students enrol at our school over the course of August. I am sure their memories of starting school will quite different to those of most of us ...

We have recently welcomed:

Sophia Bilcliffe
Carl McCarthy
Brook Moroney
Malachi Newbitt-Ruwhiu
Leeunydots Rapana

All the best for rapid return to school to you all.

LEARNING DURING LOCKDOWN

The online learning challenge is quite a tough one to manage from a school point of view:

- some families want as much 'work' as possible
- others get overwhelmed when too much is sent out

- others worry that their child might be falling behind
- while other families go and create a whole different programme of learning.

Our class teachers are assembling some wonderfully engaging learning opportunities for your children. It is great to see so many of them being taken up.

But your teachers do not want this to be stressful - just get the balance right in helping your child.

Advice: As a priority, make sure you are all looking after yourselves and the wellbeing of your children.

Last year I was contacted by a newspaper journalist wanting my thoughts on learning while in lockdown just as we went into the first lockdown in late March 2020.

I have not changed my thinking ... so here is an excerpt:

'I know I am not alone in wanting to ensure that this time at home does not become a negative experience by putting too much expectation on 'formal learning' to continue.

Treat this as a chance to learn life skills.

As a family plan and plant a vegetable garden or write out the shopping list for the next trip to the supermarket. Cook and prepare meals. All these things involve life skills, whilst strengthening the bond within the family.

I would also say, limit screen time, talk to each other and make the most of what is actually a rare opportunity to spend so much down time at home.

Walk and exercise as much as the restrictions allow. Play games together and model how to be a good winner or loser - there is a challenge!'



Yummy Apple Stickers Promotion

We are still collecting the stickers off the apples - keep them coming!!

For more information visit: <http://www.yummyfruit.co.nz>

COVID FORCED CANCELLATIONS AND POSTPONEMENTS

One of the many downsides of the threat of the COVID-19 virus, is the number of events that are going to postponed or cancelled with the different Alert Levels.

* the Jump Jam Disco won't be entertaining the masses as planned tonight ...

* the Barefoot 7s rugby tournament which we had so many students willing to play on Thursday 2nd September has been cancelled.

* our school cross-country set for 8 September will be postponed, as we expect to be in Alert Level 3 at that time (note: we will do our best to hold this event when we can - keep the running training going

kids)

This list is likely to grow in the future ...

And to finish ...

Maths and Science all around us:

Have you noticed the feeling of spring in the air?

What signs can you see that it is spring when you are outside?

Does it seem to be getting lighter for longer in the evenings?

How could you come up with a way of proving each day is getting longer?

When does the sun set?

Record your way of measuring this - what do you notice?

Ka kite anō

Mark Johnson

Principal/Tumuaki



For every property listed and sold, I will give \$500 towards Greenmeadows School for them to use to benefit your children. The next time they need library books, sports gear or IT equipment could be on us! Give me a call today, I would love to hear from you.

Debbie Dudding 027 306 6073

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Upcoming Events

- **Week 6** - 1st September - Alert Level 3
- **Week 7** - 8th September - GMS Cross Country POSTPONED



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