

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update Monday 23.03.20

Kia ora koutou

With the move to Alert Level 3 from today and the planned move to Alert Level 4 from Wednesday, we have been instructed by the Government to **close our school**. The school holiday break has been moved forward and will begin from Wednesday 25 March.



Tuesday 24 March – tomorrow children of parents who work in essential businesses (these are listed on the last 2 pages of this letter) are able to send their children to school so they can plan for the weeks ahead.

Wednesday 25 March – Koraunui School will be closed until further notice. At this stage the nation-wide lock down will be for 4 weeks.

We have prepared learning from home packs. These can be picked up by parents/caregivers/whanau from the school staffroom through the top doors (near the top field) tomorrow, Tuesday 24 March, between 8.00am and 3.00pm. If there is a crowd of people waiting, please do not gather together, maybe do a couple of laps of the cycle track. 😊

We will drop the packs to houses of those who cannot come and pick them up tomorrow.

The packs include;

- *An explanation of the pack and what is require of the children, contact information.*
- *Photocopied sheets, lined paper and a workbook.*
- *Stickers to decorate the workbook with.*
- *Library books selected by your child.*
- *A slip of paper with details and login for StudyLadder (online learning site)*

Parents will need to provide their children with a vivid marker pen, colouring pencils and a glue stick. Please let us know if this is a problem.

With the school holiday period beginning on Monday 30 March and running through until Monday 13 April, we see this work as being completed after Easter, when schools are open for distance learning, from Tuesday 14 April. Of course, if your children wish to start on this earlier this is also fine.

We will work on establishing on-line learning and communication for families who can access this while the school is closed. As we finalise what this looks like, we will provide information about what this includes and how to access on-line learning. We are able to provide paper learning packs for those without internet access. Please keep an eye for emails about this in coming days.

If you have any urgent questions or concerns please email: office@koraunui.school.nz this email address will be checked by me, Gillian McPeake and the office staff regularly over the break and daily after the 14 April.

We will be putting out regular updates about our school and plans for learning while the school is closed. This information will be on our Facebook page, emails and school website <https://koraunui.school.nz/>, please check these regularly for communication from the school.

In respect to your child's health:

If your child presents any flu like symptoms such as a runny nose, headache, temperature, is sore and tired, or is coughing, call the healthline number for advice: **0800 358 5453**.

Once again, we ask that you follow all instructions issued by either the Ministry of Health or the Government.

What does this mean for you and your child:

- No student would be allowed on the school site or property when it is closed.
- Please check emails each day to be aware of any changes or important messages. A key message time would be **3pm each day** for any updates, if there are any changes at all from us.
- As parents you would need to take full responsibility for your child at home, and follow all Ministry of Health and Government instructions, particularly if instructed to self-isolate.
- We will only be able to open the school when the Government and Ministry of Health has made an assessment regionally and nationally and instruct us to do so.
- Check all information on the official government site: <https://covid19.govt.nz/>
- Email the school by using office@koraunui.school.nz - for any questions or help required. If you or your family is in need of any kind of support, please use this email to alert us.

In respect to your child's learning:

We would encourage you to set up a timetable that can be followed while the children are working at home. We will provide you with a suggested timetable to help with this.

Students have a range of work sheets available in the pack or have the ability to learn on-line through StudyLadder. (We will provide more information about this soon). This website will provide you with some information about learning at home <https://learningfromhome.govt.nz/>

Students and parents can email their teachers for help, to answer any questions or for any support they may require with their learning between 9.00am-12.00pm and 1.00pm-2.00pm. Teachers will endeavor to stay in regular contact with their students.

If for some reason your child has no work at all, and no access to online learning, please encourage them to read as many books as possible whilst the school is closed. We will be providing access to our school library if parents and children wish to return and issue books. Please contact us if you would like to do this and we will arrange a time with you.

Looking after each other:

More than ever this is a time to follow all advice given by the Government and Ministry of Health to minimise the impact of COVID-19.

We need to look after the elderly particularly, and ensure that those who have high health risks are safeguarded as much as possible.

Take care of each other, make sensible decisions, keep to routines at home, shop sensibly, and stay connected online to friends and family.

We will get through this, but the more we can do to stay safe and isolated, the more we will be able to minimise the impact.

Remember to keep washing those hands and keep up social distance as much as possible.

Ngā mihi nui

Dave Lamont
Principal, Koraunui School

What are essential businesses?

This list may evolve over time.

| Sectors | Entities providing essential services (including their supply chains) |
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| Accommodation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accommodation services for essential workers and people who need to be isolated/quarantined |
| Border | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Customs New Zealand, Immigration New Zealand and the Ministry for Primary Industries |
| Building and construction | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building and construction related to essential services, critical infrastructure, or immediately needed to maintain human health and safety at home/work |
| Courts, tribunals and the justice system | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Courts of New Zealand and tribunals Critical Crown entities (eg Electoral Commission) |
| Education | <p>At level 3 only:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools and educational facilities (e.g. ECE centres) |
| Fast-moving consumer goods | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Businesses involved in the supply, delivery, distribution and sale of food, beverage and other key consumer goods (but not takeaway shops) |
| Financial services | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Banks, insurers and other financial institutions |
| Health | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hospitals, primary care clinics, pharmacies, medical laboratories, care facilities Ambulance services Mortuary services |
| Local and national government | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any entity involved in COVID-19 response or that has civil defence/emergency management functions Key public services |
| Primary industries, including food and beverage production and processing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Packaging, production and processing of food and beverage products Food safety and verification, inspection or associated laboratory services, food safety and biosecurity functions Veterinary and animal health/welfare services |

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| Public safety and national security | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency services • Security and intelligence services • Justice system • Public safety and national security roles |
| Science | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any entity (including research organisations) involved in COVID-19 response, hazard monitoring, resilience, diagnostics for essential services |
| Social services | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welfare and social services, including NGOs, which meet immediate needs (further guidance will be provided) |
| Transport and logistics | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport services • New Zealand Post and courier services • Any small passenger service vehicle driver – including taxis and ride-share services |
| Utilities and communications, including supply chains | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electricity, gas, water, waste, fuel, telecommunication services, internet providers and media |