



Browns Bay School

EFFORT BRINGS REWARD

Dear Parents and Caregivers
Kia Ora Koutou

Alert Level 2

On Monday August 31, we move to Alert Level 2. This will stay in place until the Government reviews this on 6 September. It is safe for children and staff to attend schools. We have been preparing the classrooms and our systems to ensure we are able to minimise the risk of someone getting infected and ensuring we can identify and contact anyone who has been in close contact if someone in the school is infected.

The key messages are:

- Ensure people feeling generally unwell stay away from school
- Maintain physical distancing (students are not breathing or touching each other)
- Good hygiene practices
- Keep track of who is in school

First Day Back

To support the children please make sure their bag has a book bag, raincoat, lunch and drink bottle, and ensure their uniform is ready to go.

Teachers will be focusing on student well-being and reviewing good hygiene practices. Teachers will ensure students regularly wash and dry their hands, and to cough / sneeze into their elbows. Each classroom will have supplies of soap, paper towels, hand sanitiser, wipes and disinfectant spray. All surfaces will be cleaned daily.

Parents Onsite

MORNING DROP OFF

Students are not to arrive at school before 8.30am

We would ask that ONLY the parents of the NEW ENTRANTS in ROOM 1 and 2 come onto the school grounds. The only gate for these parents will be by the Office (Masterton Road) entrance. At this entrance, the parent (please only one per family) will be required to register before coming on site.

We ask parents to drop children off outside the gate. ALL other entrances will be for students only

AFTERNOON PICK UP

Students will be released at staggered times from August 31 to avoid congestion.

- **Year 1 and 2** parents may come onsite from 2.45pm yet you must register with your classroom teacher. Children will be available for collection at **2.55pm** from the classroom.
- **Year 3 to 6** will be released at **3.00pm** and are asked to be collected from outside the gates.

Parents and children are asked to leave the school site as soon as your child has been collected so we can register all people are off - site as part of our process.

It would be appropriate to talk about this with your child and make sure they know what their arrangements are for the end of the day.

Everyone coming into the school for a period of time, including parents, must sign a School Register or use the School QR Code. The COVID-19 App does not send data to us and therefore cannot replace our visitor register.

Adults onsite must use safe distancing practice (2 metre where practicable). At Alert Level 2, we would ask parents when at school to stay outside the classrooms.

Distance Learning

The expectation is all students will be attending school at Alert Level 2. Distance Learning will only be available for students who are required to self-isolate due to Covid-19 or are vulnerable to serious illness. Please contact bbs@brownsbay.school.nz if your children are in these categories.

Physical Distancing

Students will be asked to stay away from each other so that they are not breathing on or touching each other. Teachers, to ensure students have their own space, have reviewed classroom seating. We will return to Team Assemblies and have markings on the ground by entrances to show correct distancing.

Stay home if sick

Parents are asked to keep sick children at home. Symptoms to look out for are a cold, head cold, blocked ears, cough, sneezing, sore throat, chills and a fever. No one with these symptoms should enter school. If a child is showing these symptoms then the parent will be asked to collect them from school.

School Lunches

School lunches will be available from Monday. The morning tea and lunchtime counter sales will not be available. EZI-lunch and Subway will operate as normal from August 30.

Teacher Meetings

We would ask that over the next two weeks parents do not ask for meetings with teachers before and after school. Teachers can be contacted by email.

Summary

I would like to acknowledge the Browns Bay School Community for their patience and positive attitude over the past two weeks. Teachers, have worked very hard to provide Distance Learning over Alert Level 3 and maintain communication with families. The students have given their best in a trying situation.

I look forward to everyone being back at school.

Regards

Peter Mulcahy
PRINCIPAL