

Tena koutou i tena ahi ahi Marist whanau,

No doubt many of you would have already heard the Prime Minister's latest press announcement as we have been watching our close neighbours Australia and been wondering when we would be affected again. Hopefully this quick lockdown will assure the health and safety of our Tamaki Makaurau community. It has been 169 days since Auckland has had a positive case in the community.

From midnight tonight, Tuesday 17th August, the Prime Minister has announced that Auckland and the Coromandel will enter Alert Level 4 for 7 days. The rest of New Zealand will enter Alert Level 3 for 3 days. We are going hard and fast to contain and stamp out this possible Covid Delta strain. This strain is highly contagious.

This means that all schools will close & remain closed until further notice from the Government. Our playgrounds & all grounds are closed to the public. As well as this, all Aucklanders will now self-isolate.

We await a more detailed Ministry Update & will share it with you all when we receive it. We will update you after the Prime Minister's press release at 1pm tomorrow. Please refer to the government Covid website <https://covid19.govt.nz> for more information about Alert Level 4.

With a 7 day lockdown our Senior school (Hub 1 & 2) children will continue their learning via Google Docs & slides.

Our Junior School (Hub 3,4,5) children will receive an email from their Hub teachers setting out their week's work. As we prepare for another round of Home Learning, be kind to yourselves, your children, our staff and be aware that we are all feeling this in our own way.

Please be in touch if you require any extra support at any time. We are here to help and any requests will be dealt with compassionately and in confidence.

Please email Christine Allen c.allen@marist.school.nz if you have any concerns/queries around Home Learning if your children are in Years 4-6 and

Janet Lulich j.lulich@marist.school.nz if your children are in Years 0-3.

If you require any further assistance or wish to contact me please do so c.phillips@marist.school.nz especially if we can offer any support in any other areas.

Stay safe, stay home, be kind.

Aroha nui

Carolynn & the Marist Team

