

Marist School Community Update – 12.10.21

Kia ora Marist whanau,

I hope you have been able to have some time away from screens during the last week or two. It continues to be a challenging time for us all as we navigate Level 3 and COVID-19. Of course we are disappointed not to be welcoming all of our children back to school for the start of Term 4 but also understand the government's stance; as they have kept with their cautious approach when responding to COVID-19, and as a result, we will stay at Alert Level 3 for a bit longer.

We are proud of how our community has responded to this outbreak, but the mahi isn't yet done. Please continue to follow all the alert level requirements including staying at home and getting tested for COVID-19 if you are feeling unwell, and for your own sake and for the health of your whānau, please get vaccinated. I have included some [information about vaccinations](#) to support decision making.

We are therefore open once more on Monday 18th October for only the small number of children who need to attend. All our usual safety precautions for Alert Level 3 will be in place which include all the recommendations from the public health experts. This means students will be kept in bubbles of no more than 10.

Our staff on-site will also have been tested for COVID-19 before they get back to work and we are moving toward having 100 percent of our staff vaccinated – so we are all playing our part in keeping our community safe.

You can also assist everyone's safety by keeping your child at home if they are feeling unwell and please do contact your GP or Healthline, to seek advice about getting tested.

We will continue to support all children who remain learning from home through our distance learning programme. Staff are working during their holidays to get ready to continue Home Learning from Monday.

While we know how difficult it is trying to work from home as well as support your child's learning, please keep your child at home if there is an appropriate carer available. For those of you with no other option, we look forward to seeing your child at school next week. Please complete the **attached survey** as soon as possible as we need definite numbers **by tomorrow - Wednesday 13th October 3pm**.
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/595XCFB>

As always we are here to help with anything. Please reach out if/when you require any further assistance.

He waka eke noa, We're all in this together.

Ngā mihi,

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