

Kia ora koutou whānau

Understandably, there has been some confusion around when the school holiday's begin and when does Term 2 actually start?

So, under the new Ministry of Education recommendations the school holidays actually began on Saturday (Saturday 28th March) and will end Tuesday 14th April.

Why does this matter?

This is important to note because there is no expectation that your child participates in 'distance learning' during this time. So if you collected a homework pack from school, our recommendation is that you save that work for the 2 weeks beginning on Wednesday 15th April (beginning of term 2, but still in lockdown).

We hope that this takes the pressure of being a home school educator and allows you the quality family time that is needed to adjust to these unusual times as well as giving the teachers time to adjust with their families.

Key dates reminder

26 March Alert Level 4 commenced

28 March School holidays begin

10 – 14 April Easter including the Tuesday after Easter

15 April Term 2 begins (through distance learning)

22 April Current date for ending of lockdown period

27 April ANZAC Day observed

28 April Term Two begins

From the 15th of April (beginning of term 2) some teachers will post activities or challenges via Class Dojo and we will have activities on our Facebook page as well as the packs most teachers handed out in the last few days of school. Unfortunately we cannot go back into school to make more packs available. Most senior classes have been given their Maths Whizz and Steps Web login as well.

This is an unprecedented event and we had very little time to organise things for our students and we understand many of you may have limited access to the internet so please do not feel your child will be missing out on learning if you cannot access work online.

Reading to your child, cooking with them and talking with them about what you see on family walks as well as a bit of fitness are all ways to engage your child in learning.

I hope you are safe and well in your bubbles and we will see you on Monday 28th April which will be the first day of Term 2 – unless we have further information.

Kia pai tōra

Vern Stevens

Principal