

Kia ora koutou Whānau / Parents

As you are aware, school will be open under COVID Level 3 restrictions starting on Monday 18 October – we have no children of essential worker parents attending. If we are told that we will remain in Level 3 past Tuesday, our teachers will have home learning packs prepared and I will deliver them to your homes over the next couple of days. We will also provide you with some ideas for home learning for the Monday and Tuesday.

The Ministry of Education has indicated that schools have up to 48 hours following a change of alert levels, from Level 3 to Level 2, to prepare for students to return to school. On that basis, if Northland comes out of Alert Level 3 at midnight on Monday 18th October, staff at Selwyn Park School will use Tuesday 19th to prepare for the opening of school to all students on Wednesday 20th October

A few other 'Level 2' items to be aware of:

- As we will be at Level 2, access to school by visitors and parents will be restricted to essential visits only, parents will be asked to QR scan and wear a mask.

- Please do not send your child to school if they are feeling unwell, and consider phoning Healthline or your GP to discuss symptoms.

- Frequent hand sanitising and handwashing will continue for students and staff. Classrooms will be ventilated and regularly cleaned.

- Face masks in school are not mandatory for students or staff while in school.

However, any student who wants to wear a mask may do so.

- No assemblies or large gatherings of students will take place during Level 2, until it is deemed safe to do so by the Ministry of Education.

The staff and I look forward to welcoming all the students back to school as soon as possible. We appreciate your support and flexibility during the current circumstances.

Nga mihi nui

Vern Stevens
Principal