

Pakuranga Intermediate School

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Covid-19 Update 14 -Level 4

23 August 2021

Kia ora koutou

I think we had all anticipated a further extension of Alert Level 4, and the Prime Minister has confirmed this. The Alert Level will be in place until 12:59 pm Tuesday 31 August.

Because of the Prime Minister's announcement, our distance learning programme will continue. We have put in place plans to distribute the school's devices.

Device Distribution

Please note. Only in very limited circumstances can students, parents, or caregivers come to the school grounds. The Ministry of Education has now granted limited permission and provided some guidance about the distribution of devices.

If you need a device for your child, please let your class teacher know, and you can come to school between 9 am and 2 pm on Wednesday 25 August, to pick one up. You will need to follow these strict procedures.

Firstly, If you have:

- any flu symptoms
- have been to a "Place of Interest."
- Are a close contact
- or have been asked to have a Covid-19 test, you must not come onto a school site.

In this case, please contact your child's teacher, and we will look for alternative arrangements

Procedures for picking up a school device:

- Parents park in staff and parent parking.
- Leave space between each car.
- You must have a facemask on before exiting your vehicle.
- One adult can come down the student entrance steps, following arrows on the path.
- Line up along the path outside the principal's office, ensuring social distancing.
- Sign in to the Covid Tracer App.
- Approach the desk with the name and class of your child.



- Parents pick up the bag containing your child's device, charger and a letter of liability.
- Leave via the main steps.
- Note that you do not sign the letter this time, as we maintain contactless procedures.

Additional Support

We know some families in our community may be finding it difficult to access food and essential items such as medicine. This information about [accessing food or essential items](#) summarises the available supports, including financial help to buy food.

I have also attached a document given to us by our School Social Worker to help any families that need extra support.

Level 4 Information

You can go to [COVID19.govt.nz website if you would like more information on Alert Level 4 requirements](#).

We can also make sure we are passing on good information. There is a very helpful article by [Dr Siouxie Wiles and Toby Morris in The Spinoff](#) regarding misinformation and disinformation.

Their red flags for how to spot bad information are particularly well-summarised. Bad information will:

- downplay COVID-19 and the pandemic
- focus on survival rate
- ignore long COVID
- emphasise individual freedom
- try to sell you something
- push simple cures/treatments
- make you feel fearful or angry.

"Good information put out to help you make an informed choice won't make you feel scared or angry. It'll make you feel empowered."

Please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or me if you need assistance.

Ngā manaakitanga



Stephen Johnston

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Chromebook Loan

24 August 2021

Kia Ora koutou

With the closure of Pakuranga Intermediate School, as part of the Government's Level 3 or 4 Covid-19 response, we would like to support children's learning at home.

The Board has agreed to the short-term loan of the school's Chromebooks to aid students to access their learning while the school is closed.

Loan of these Chromebooks is conditional on:

- Agreement to repair or replace any damage or loss to the Chromebook or charger.
- Agreement to return the Chromebook as soon as school reopens.
- Confirmation that there is not an alternative device at home.
- Confirmation that there is access to a broadband Wi-Fi connection.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephen Johnston'.

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Principal

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COVID Food Parcel, Resource and Mental Health contact

Organisation	Support	Address	Contact	How to access	Other important details
FOOD PARCEL & RESOURCE					
Salvation Army Manukau	Food bank and food parcels.		0800 53 00 00 or 09 262 2332	Phone call – leave name and number and they will call you back. PICK UP ONLY by appointment.	Monday – Friday: 10am – 12pm & 1pm – 3pm
Affirming Works	Food parcels ONLY.	9 Moa Street, Otahuhu	0800 023 3476	Pick up ONLY. Brief registration.	
South Auckland Christian Foodbank	Food parcel delivery.		0508 242 643 ian@sacfb.org.nz	Make contact.	
Manukau Urban Māori Authority	Food parcels for Mangere, Otara, Otahuhu, Papatoetoe and Manukau		09 277 7866 or 0800 866 852	Pick up ONLY.	Call between 10am – 2pm to book an appointment.

Papakura Marae	Food parcels for Papakura and surrounding areas.	29 Hunua Road, Papakura.	09 297 2036	Pick up ONLY between 1pm – 3pm.	Call between Monday – Friday 9am – 11am to complete assessment over phone. Will need a photo ID and proof of address.
Rawiri Community House	Food parcels and resources	1 Rata Vine Drive, Wiri	liz@rawiri.org.nz https://m.facebook.com/rawiri.org/	Pick up ONLY	Wednesday – Friday 10am – 1pm
Waka of Caring	Food parcels and resources	2/14 McAnnalley Street, Manurewa	www.facebook.com/groups/978559512159944	Pick up ONLY	
Budgeting and Family Support Services	Food parcels for Mangere and Tuakau		Mangere: 275 2266 Tuakau: 236 9804	Call first	Bring photo ID and proof address. If needing a second or more parcels family will need a letter from WINZ to confirm hardship.
St Vincent de Paul	Food parcels	47 Station Road, Otahuhu	09 270 4088 or manager@stvinnieotahuhu.org.nz	No need to call first.	Bring photo ID Referrers are able to email Manager and pick up orders on behalf of the client.

Life Community Kitchens	Cooked meals from a number of locations	Otara, Manurewa, Glen Innes, Papakura and Mangere	www.facebook.com/lifecommunitykitchens/	Check facebook.	
Citizen Advice Bureau	Food Bank	Papakura, Howick and Flat Bush	09 576 8331	Call first	
Shanti Niwas	Social support services to senior citizens of Indian and South Asian Origin		09 622 1010		Service includes vegetarian, grocery and prescription medicine delivery, face to face and phone check ins and emergency housing services.
We care Kiwi	Low cost food delivery service		Register online: https://wecare.kiwi/		Support network for anyone who is vulnerable, living alone or caring for others can request check ins or practical help.

Otara Kai Village	Food and cooked meals for Otara and Papatoetoe	120 East Tamaki Road, Otara	www.facebook.com/theotaravillage www.otaravillage.co.nz	Pick up ONLY	
MENTAL HEALTH					
1737	Support from a trained counsellor		Free call or text 1737	24/7	
Youthline	Trained volunteers		talk@youthline.co.nz 0800 376 633 Free text 234 or webchat	24/6	
What's Up	Phone counselling and online chat			Online chat: 3pm - 10pm Phone counselling - Weekdays: 12pm - 11pm Weekend: 3pm - 11pm	For 5-18 year olds
Lifeline	Counselling		0508 543 354 (0800 LIFELINE) Free text 4357 (HELP)	24/7	Confidential support from qualified counsellors and trained volunteers.

Suicide Crisis Helpline	Mental Health and suicide prevention		0508 828 865 (0508 TAUTOKO)	24/7	Operated by highly trained and experienced counsellors. Advanced suicide prevention training.
Samaritans	Confidential, non-judgement & non-religious support		0800 726 666	24/7	
Depression Helpline	Trained counsellor		0800 111 757 or text 4202		
OutLine	Rainbow specialist counselling and trans peer support		0800 688 5463 (OUTLINE)	Every evening 6pm-9pm	
HEALTH					
Healthline			General Health: 0800 611 116 COVID-19 Health: 0800 358 5453 COVID-19 Vaccination 0800 28 29 26	24/7 24/7 8am - 8pm 7 days a week	