



## TITAHI BAY SCHOOL - KURA KIDS are Believers and Achievers

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Kia ora koutou,

I hope you are all keeping well in your bubbles and that each day, there is something you are grateful for. The sun shining over our beautiful beach is something I am grateful for today.

It has been announced that New Zealand will move out of level 4 lockdown, into Level 3, at 11.59pm on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April. This means that Titahi Bay School will reopen **for those children whose parents require it**. The Ministry of Health advice continues to be, wherever possible, “keeping to our bubbles”. Kerry has been busy planning how the initial return to school, and the combining of some bubbles, will work. The primary focus is on the safety and wellbeing of our staff and the tamariki who will be attending school. Kerry will share more information on this shortly.

Our key message for you is that, if you can, you should keep your child at home. You should only physically send your child to school if you need to. If your child has a health condition that means they are at a greater risk of a severe illness, you must keep them at home. If your child is sick please also ensure you keep them at home. If you have vulnerable people in your bubble, you should keep your child at home.

We have worked out that, because we have 6 teachers able to attend school from the time we move into Level 3, we are able to accommodate no more than 60 children. You will receive a phone call from the school to find out whether you can keep your child learning from home, or if you need your child to attend in person. Students learning at home will continue to be supported by their teachers.

The board would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the commitment and dedication of our Principal, Kerry, for her tireless work over the past weeks. She has gone above and beyond for the families in our community and we thank her for this. Jamie Merrick and Miranda McMahon have worked closely with Kerry to support staff, students and families and we thank them for their hard work. We share our appreciation for all our wonderful KURA teachers and support staff who have stepped up admirably to the unknown challenges of distance learning. We are very grateful for the huge effort that has gone into planning and delivering online learning and the kind, caring communication with families.

And to you, our KURA community, we thank you for the kind gestures and words for Kerry and her staff, and for your patience and support of “school at home”. I spoke with Kerry this morning and she commented that 100% of the emails from parents she has received have been positive – KURA is alive and well in Titahi Bay! Take care and keep an eye out for more information from the school this week.

Ngā mihi nui

Sarah Campbell, on behalf of the Titahi Bay School Board of Trustees.