



## Board of Trustees Newsletter during Covid-19 Level 3 - 28 April 2020

Kia ora koutou

We hope you and your whānau are well and are managing as best you can through these testing times. It's certainly been a challenging time with the onset of CV-19 and the unprecedented move to shutting borders, locking down communities and working and schooling from home.

To our new families who have joined the Oakura school community, we look forward to meeting and welcoming you in person sometime in the not too distant future.

Thank you to our school community for the way you have all looked out for each other, supported the school and followed the guidelines in alert level 4 and now level 3. As tempting as it has been to send our little 'darlings' back to school this week it's clear that the key message of staying at home, if you can, has been taken on by our community. Thank you to all our families that are managing work and children at home or who have extended their 'bubble' to someone who can be there to help out.

To those parents who have been providing, and continue to provide essential services during this time, we extend a huge thank you. During this stressful and uncertain time, you have left your homes and extended your 'bubbles' to provide essential services that we all benefit from while looking after our own 'bubbles'. Thank you.

With only a small number of children returning to school this week it has enabled the majority of our staff to stay in their bubbles, look after their whānau and provide distance learning to all our students. The staff on-site will supervise the distance learning of those children returning to school and ensure the school environment is as safe as possible. Rest assured the health and safety of our students and staff is our top priority and we will continue to follow the guidelines given to us from the Ministry of Education regarding cleaning and safe practice to ensure the school is as safe as possible. Teachers continue to be available by email if there are any concerns with your children's learning.

We look forward to your continued support through the next few weeks ahead of the PM's announcement on 11 May.

Lastly we would like to thank our amazing staff. Thank you for your continued positive attitude and professionalism in dealing with the many challenges that this deadly pandemic has thrown at us. We are very fortunate to have such a wonderful team!

Noho ora mai  
Chris Ferguson  
Board of Trustee Chairperson