



Monday 23rd March 2020

Tēnā anō tātou e te whānau,

Ngā mihi nui! Firstly our apologies that this pānui is later than anticipated. We waited for the Prime Minister's latest announcement that is ongoing as we write this.

This is a critically important day for TKKM o Hoani Waititi and indeed for Aotearoa.

The PM has advised this afternoon that Aotearoa is at Level 3 alert as of now and in 48 hours moves to Level 4 alert for COVID-19.

What does this mean for us:

- Tomorrow, Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th March are now our Teacher Only Days.
- NO STUDENTS AT KURA APŌPŌ WHĀNAU.
- All kura/schools nationwide will close as of midnight Wednesday 25th March.
- School holidays are being moved forward nationally - we await the details from the Ministry of Education.

We recognise this will be a big impact on whānau and now more than ever we encourage you to help each other out when you can, and to let us know what support you need. A reminder also to make sure your kaiako has your device and Wi-Fi access information by the end of today please.

In terms of moving to home-based learning and/or holidays, we want to take this opportunity to remind you of what's most important. We of course have high hopes of continued learning and reaching the normal milestones you would expect this year. But this isn't a normal year anymore.

Our kids might be just as scared as some of us are right now. Our kids see and hear everything going on around them just like us. What they need more than anything right now is to feel secure and loved! Let's make that our priority this week whānau. That doesn't mean you ignore lesson plans and so on that will be sent out. It just means don't stress if things don't go as planned. And if your kids are stressed try do some good stuff together:

- A hikoi to the moana
- A picnic on the lounge floor
- A game of cards, Scrabble or Pictionary etc
- Homegrown whānau karaoke with the rakuraku

Remember you can connect with the tari to get our ohu contacts, or you can of course talk directly with your child/ren's kaiako to ask questions or seek support at any time.

We got this! Mouri ora whānau.

Ngā manaakitanga,

Whaea Mera, Papa Hare, Whaea Cadence and Papa Mahanga
Wellbeing at Waititi and COVID-19 Ohu