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Kia ora Maungatapere School family and whanau

We are now all in Alert Level 4 which means that our school will not be open onsite for any students until the alert level is reviewed. Unfortunately, further people being identified with COVID-19 in communities could see the North remain in lockdown for more than the 3 days planned.

The Ministry of Education has reinforced with us that it is really important we do everything we can to keep our community safe and follow protocols. Alert Level 4 means we need to stay home in our bubbles and avoid any travelling as much as possible. Supermarkets, pharmacies, foodbanks and other essential services will be open – but remember to wear a face covering if you are out and about (even a scarf wrapped around your mouth and nose will help). Check in using the NZ COVID Tracer App wherever you go and please also keep a distance from people you don't know and wash your hands well and often, especially before and after using any public facilities. If you or members of your family have been to any of the [list of locations](#) at the specified times, then please follow the relevant instructions to isolate and potentially to get tested. Please keep checking that webpage as new locations may be identified over time.

To support learning at home our teachers are making contact with their students and families using Seesaw and for our seniors (Y5-8) also their google accounts. Our learning at home this week will be a little more low key as families adjust to change and working and learning at home again.

You can also access Sunshine on line: www.sunshine.co.nz for reading activities.

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With such short notice we weren't able to hand out devices or hard packs to support learning and currently we are not able to enter school sites to enable this to happen.

Should the lockdown be extended we will be able to get permission to share school devices and hard packs with you. We are aware that many families have limited internet access and data capabilities, this includes difficulties with internet due to rural locations.

However, to enable us to support our families as much as possible please email the school office@maungatapere.school.nz if you would like a device (this will be either a laptop or ipad), or you would like hard packs for your children should we continue in lockdown next week. We will then contact you about collection processes.

Our focus as always will be to support the learning, safety and wellbeing of our school staff and students and we continue to be here to support you as well.

Please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or myself, if there is something you need assistance with.

Judy Eagles
Principal