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Dear Parents/Whanau,

The Prime Minister yesterday announced we are moving to Level 3 for the next 48 hours and then from Thursday 26 March we move to Level 4 in the [COVID-19 Alert Level](#) structure for a further period of 4 weeks where people are instructed to stay at home.

Schools will be open today and Wednesday this week for children of essential workers and we will continue to support good hygiene practices with these students. Schools will be closed from Thursday to students and staff.

School holidays are being brought forward so that they are completed within the 4 week period. Holidays will now begin from Monday 30 March to Tuesday 14 April inclusive (a reminder that the Tuesday after Easter Monday is always a closed day for schools).

At the end of the school holidays, schools will be open for distance learning, but not physically open for staff to work at the schools. The contacts teachers will be using will be on the home learning sheets attached to this email. We will also post these sheets on the school website.

For the next few days you can use the work from the learning sheets, but probably the most important priority is setting yourselves up and reassuring your family around the changes happening and the fact they will not be able to visit friends or family for the next month. Play games, get outside, enjoy some quality family time. From next Monday it will be the term break so there will not be any contact from teachers. Teachers will make contact at the start of next term.

If you do not have access to internet or a device, there is a wide range of activities and suggestions that you can do. Creating and experiencing, talking and writing are all great starters for learning. Writing to friends and family will also be an important activity to stay connected – take a photo of what has been written and send.

Please do not expect your children to spend 5 hours on school work each day – they may only spend 1-2 hours on direct learning and the remainder of their time on associated learning through play, construction, helping around the home, cooking, in the garden or property etc. Jobs and responsibilities are great life learning skills. Reading to and with are great teaching tools also. They also need to be active physically. If you need to contact the school for any reason use either your teacher's email or the school email office@maungatapere.school.nz Please do not try to message via our Facebook page as the school does not respond directly to these.

The Prime Minister has stressed that we all abide by the restrictions being put in place, so we wish everyone in the community the very best – stay well, stay isolated and all going well we will be able to start returning to normal life in 4 weeks.

Yours sincerely

Judy Eagles
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