

TAUMATA SCHOOL



Key Dates:

- **29 APRIL: SCHOOL OPEN TO CHILDREN OF ESSENTIAL WORKERS - ALERT LEVEL 3 CONDITIONS IN PLACE**
- **11 MAY: CABINET MEETS TO REVIEW COVID-19 ALERT LEVELS**
- **1 JUNE: QUEENS BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY**
- **3 JULY: TERM 2 ENDS**

Message from the Principal:

Genavier Fuller

Nga mihi nui whanau

Today we celebrate a milestone. Today across the nation we make the shift from COVID-19 Alert Level 4 to Alert Level 3.

We celebrate reduced restrictions; the positive actions of a committed nation and the guidance/leadership of experts across the country.

From a school perspective we celebrate Week 3 of learning differently - learning from a distance! We celebrate your resilience and creativity as 'first educators' and the fact that once again our Taumata community has rallied together to show solidarity and support to and for each other in a time of need. In addition to this, today, we celebrate our role in the revival of our economy as we accept those children of essential workers back onto the school site. This again... a major milestone.

As we start to stare down the threat of COVID-19 it is important to recognise that out of every challenge comes an opportunity. Whilst this pandemic has been disruptive; operating from a growth mindset...what positives are there?

Has it allowed us to reset; to pause; to re-evaluate? Has it given us the head-space to check in with family in new ways; and give uncluttered attention? Has it forced us to ask

What are we doing? Where are we going? What matters most? And what can we do differently. Whilst forced... sometimes significant disruption can result in a more bold decisions about life, love and health.

Distance/Online Learning:

This week marks week three of our distance learning programme. As a school leader I have been really impressed with the way in which students have adapted to learning ubiquitously and with growing levels of agency. I have thoroughly enjoyed the creativity of our team as they have worked hard to make learning relevant, fun and engaging and endeavoured to connect with every learner. Whilst some students will be returning to school tomorrow - all students will continue to engage in the distance learning programme - and those onsite will be supported to access this learning. You can find the relevant learning activities on our main school website: www.taumata.school.nz or on the following web links.

Mauao Learning Hub: <https://mauaomauao.weebly.com/>

Matarawa Learning Hub: <https://matarawa.weebly.com/>

Pūwhenua Learning Hub: <http://puwhenua.weebly.com/>

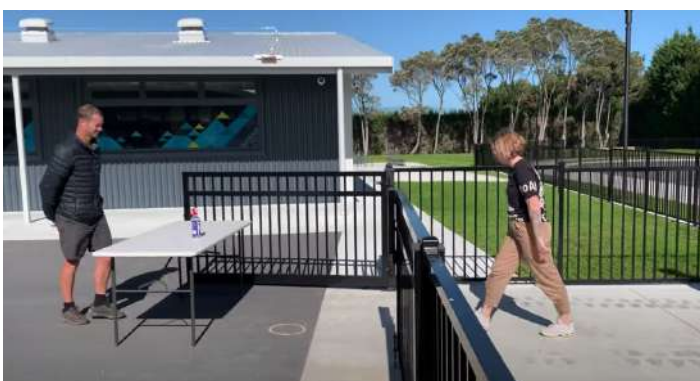


Onsite Learning:

On Wednesday 29 April we look forward to welcoming approximately 20 students onsite for face-to-face learning. Whilst Alert Level 3 still maintains "work and learn from home if possible" we understand the need for some children to return to school. As such we have created 3 learning bubbles who will operate whilst observing the restrictions for Alert Level 3.

Thank you to those parents who have communicated their intentions directly, this has allowed us to organise staffing, guidelines and expectations. Please note that should your circumstances change and your child is not required to attend school - we appreciate forward notice. Please also note that should your circumstances change and you require your child to attend school we can not accept children onsite without forward notice (24 hours) in order to make necessary arrangements. We appreciate your support with this matter.

For those attending school we have created a helpful video to demonstrate how students will access the school site. This is available at <https://youtu.be/I81Mg8nmAeM>. All other communication around staggered start/finish times; and bubble groups has been sent via HERO directly to those families involved.





Let's keep everyone safe

Visiting your school or early learning service

Please follow these simple rules:



Tell us your plans early

- Let us know early that your child will be attending so we can plan for them.



Essential visitors only

- Please ensure your visits to the school or early learning service are essential.
- Use the sign-posted entry point.



Drop off and pick up your child at the time you are given

- Your early learning service or school may require you to drop off or pick up your child at a particular time.
- Please help with staggered arrival and pick up times, if required.



Record your visit in the register

There are two registers:

- **Visitor register** – All site visitors must be recorded in the visitor register, which will record your name, time in and out, date, phone number and physical address. This assists with contact tracing if necessary.
- **Contact tracing register** – Your school or early learning service also keeps a register that identifies which children and adults are in each teaching space.



Maintain a 2 metre distance at all times

- Keep any on-site visit short.
- Maintain a 2 metre distance from those who are not part of your household, workplace or school bubble.



Sick children must stay at home

- Please keep children at home if they are sick. A sick child will be sent home.
- If your child is at higher risk of severe illness from Covid-19, they must stay at home.



Practice good hygiene

- Wash and dry your hands, cough into your elbow, don't touch your face.
- There's hand sanitiser available around the school or early learning service. Please use this if you touch surfaces.



Covid-19 cases

- You will be advised if your school or early learning service is connected to a confirmed or probable case of Covid-19. You will be advised of any actions to be taken.
- The site must close for 72 hours to allow contact tracing and cleaning. They may be physically closed for a further 14 days.