

Letter #10

Wednesday 8 September 2021

Principal: Sean Valvoi

Dear Parents and Caregivers of Ōpaheke School

Mal e lelei

This week we mark Uike Kātoanga'i 'o e Lea Faka-Tonga, Tongan Language week and acknowledge those in our school community with Tongan heritage. The theme this year is Fakakoloa 'o Aotearoa 'aki 'a Ako Lelei. Enriching Aotearoa with Holistic Education. I think of those who are separated from family and friends during this time during covid.

Level 3 Preparations

Senior Leadership at the school are busy preparing for the possibility of moving to Level 3 next week. You will remember that at level 3 the school remains closed. Students continue to learn from home. There are some exemptions for a small number of students to be at school during Level 3 lockdown.

With Delta there are further restrictions. Our capacity to have as many students as last time is very limited due to the reduced number of 10 allowed in a bubble. Many of our staff cannot come into school because they have their own young children to look after. Further details about school at level 3 will be provided once the announcement has been made.

Widening your Bubble Level 3

There are circumstances where you can widen your bubble at Level 3 so that close relatives for example, can provide childcare if you are required to go to work. You may wish to explore this option now so you are prepared when we do move down levels.

Internet Issues

Please be aware that a few of our staff live in rural areas which have less than ideal internet connections. This is not something we can fix so we ask for parents to be patient, particularly with live video chats which require good internet connection. They are working hard to offer alternate ways of providing learning online.

We are happy for parents and colleagues who live outside of Auckland that have moved down to Level 2 and will be returning to school tomorrow. This also means that Level 3 and then 2 gets closer for Auckland. What everyone is doing by sticking to the rules is working.

Stay strong, stay safe and stay kind.

Noho oro mai.

Sean Valvoi
Principal