

Newsletter letter Level 2 August / September 2020

Kia ora koutou

Thank you once more to our students, parents, caregivers and staff for the support and resilience you have shown through Alert Level 3. It was a big relief to hear we are moving back to Alert Level 2 on Monday 31st August. We look forward to welcoming all our students and staff back onsite at that time! Based on the feedback and conversations I have had with many of you, you will happily be sending back your children on Monday. The staff are looking forward to having you back at school.

However, some of you will have concerns about coming back. Please feel free to discuss this with me by email principal@puni.school.nz or ringing me at work 238 7403. Hopefully I can reassure you that school is a safe place to be. Of course any students with health issues or who may put anyone in their household at risk will consider staying at home for now, please let the school know if your child or children will not be returning to school at Alert Level 2. Also if you are sick please stay at home.

Level 2

Level Two guidelines have stated that schools are ready to re-open, with some new rules and expectations around hygiene and social distancing. The key difference is that at the moment whilst we can come together in a group, additional adults means we come under the mass gathering rules (which at the moment in Auckland are 10). For school we have many freedoms within our school grounds that are similar to level 1, but we must enforce our level 2 restrictions with visitors on site.

We experienced level 2 earlier this year. The key restrictions to remember are listed below:

- Please continue with the regular before school drop off and the after pick up process. This means you can only park at the front of the school. Please drive through the back car park when dropping off and picking up.
- Students can arrive at school from 7:45am but must go to the hall if they arrive before 8:10am. After this time they can go straight to their classroom.
- The key difference is there are no whanau allowed on site. Students can be walked to the pathway outside my office, but apart from that they will need to find their way to class. There will be staff and senior leaders to help out. The only exception to this is our students and whanau who are experiencing their first day of school. We know our amazing students can do this as they have been doing this for most of this year.
- If you need to purchase anything from the office it will be one and one out and social distancing is required.. There is also our QR code available to use (along with a manual sign in that the office staff will manage).

Chrome books and school readers

Please return all readers sent home and any chrome books and chargers. It will be a good idea to have these fully charged as well.

Buses running at Level 3

Buses will return to their normal run, but they will have some additional cleaning procedures. As far as we have been advised a school bus run is not public transport and therefore there is no requirement to wear a mask.

Masks and sanitizer at school

Students can wear masks at school but there is no requirement to do so. They would need to be trained in how to use them and dispose of them correctly. Students can bring their own hand sanitiser, however we have plenty of dispensers throughout the school and in classes. If they do bring their own you will need to ensure that they know how to use it appropriately.

After School Care

We recommend that if you use After School care please contact them to confirm that their programme will continue to run during Level Two.

Feedback

We always appreciate the feedback you give us and I encourage you to email me at principal@puni.school.nz with any feedback about this Lockdown; What worked, what didn't work, what could we start, stop or continue.

Thanks whanau, stay safe and stay the course.

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