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Greetings Everyone

I want to start today by thanking everyone for their ongoing support during this crazy time. Level 4 Lockdown was imposed very suddenly, and provided numerous challenges to all of us. At Level 3 our school was faced with the challenge of providing both distance and face to face learning programmes. I am immensely proud of our teaching team and the way in which they worked together to establish high quality, consistent programmes for students at home. I am extremely grateful to Susan Uffindell and Sam Marks who provided continuity for those students attending school. Throughout all of this we have truly appreciated the support and understanding received from our parent community. Many of the measures we have had to implement at Alert Levels 3 & 2 are alien to our "normal" open, welcoming approach. They have been difficult for many of us and frustrating for many of you. Hopefully restrictions will soon be lifted and we will be able to welcome you all back!

With the interruption to learning programmes and the significant loss of teaching time due to lockdown, our focus over the last two weeks has been a lot like a return to the start of the school year, concentrating on rebuilding relationships with students and preparing for a return to normal teaching programmes. This has been made more challenging with having 85 - 90 students away for the first week back and between 55 - 65 away last week. Yesterday this number had dropped to 20, and we are hoping to see everyone back this week.

Another consequence of the significant interruption to school programmes is that we will not be issuing mid-year written reports this term. These will be replaced with parent - teacher learning conversations scheduled for Wednesday 5th August. **These will run across the whole school day**, likely starting at 8.30am. **School will be closed** for students on this day, but parents are most welcome to involve their child in each learning conversation. More information will follow.

In other news, many of our building projects are progressing rapidly. The four new classrooms will soon be ready for us to move into, providing us with much needed teaching space, and giving us back space to reopen the school library. Work on a large new deck outside the relocated Rooms 1 & 2 is underway, as is our new concrete scooter track on the school field.

Ki A Ora Ngatiwai Health are offering free Flu Vaccinations for all our students. Consent forms were sent home yesterday. Please return these to school completed if you wish to take up this offer, or left blank if you do not. Either way, we are asking that all forms be returned.

Finally, we extend our thanks to the Tania Dalton Foundation and Rebel Sport. Through their shared initiative: the "Pass It Forward" programme, our students last week received 30 netballs and 30 rugby balls. These are high quality items and will be well used in our PE programmes and general play.

David Prchal  
Principal



Hari Huritau Ki a Koe  
Happy Birthday!!

These Children have all had a birthday!!

**Six Years**

Hughie Antunovich, Kharizma Myers, Jayden Bradley, Madison Lamb, Vihan Parmar

**Seven Years**

Jeena-Leonie Repia, Harper Johnson, Khalid Sharif, Libby Kitchen, Inaya Shazad, Eden Fife, Athan Diwa, Levis Cotterill

**Eight Years**

Malachi Downes, Liam Chapman, Ayla Albert, Maia Hancock, Te Waiariki Campbell Rauahi, Kingston Foss, Brooklyn Pou, Manaaki Murray, Jahrome Ngere

**Nine Years**

Kaylee Ngataierua, Dash Saunders, May Lewis Mangu, Kareem Hepi-Miru, Joesph Graham

**Ten Years**

Leo Fulton, Jesurun Andrews, Kayla Batchelor, Jahziah Boyce-Anaru, Ryan Unitt, Tairahia Mackie, Dylan Wall

**Eleven Years**

Leah Shroff

**Morningside Netball**

Whangarei Netball Centre are continuously updating us with strict guidelines for when netball starts back.

- **Limited spectators**
- Contract tracing for every game and training (maximum people per training including a coach x10)
- All gear and hands must be disinfected before and after use in all training and games.

At this time we cannot confirm exactly how much it will cost or when we plan to start or what day this will be played. As soon as we hear we will let you know.

Children who had shown an interest earlier on in the year will have received a note to see if we still have enough for teams. Please return these ASAP to Sally Shroff in Team Kakapo.

**Kakariki:** It has been awesome to see lots of Roopu Kakariki tamariki returning to school over the past few weeks and we would like to thank whanau for all your support over the past month. We are enjoying getting back into the routine of school and have welcomed some new students into Team Kakariki. We have enjoyed exploring some new spaces in Discovery, especially the building shed! Please help your child to remember to bring a drink bottle and their book bag everyday as you will begin to notice an increase in school readers being sent home to be shared.

**Tui:** It has been great to see many of the tamariki in Roopu Tui returning back at school. Thank you whanau for the amazing work you have done supporting your children during Lockdown. The past two weeks we have been looking at Transport and comparing present and past transport. The students have loved exploring this theme. We are slowly returning to the daily routines of school, this includes bringing book bags to school, taking readers home and learning our sight words daily.

**Kakapo:** Kia ora Whānau, we have had a great start back in Roopu Kakapo. Our tamariki have settled back into routines with ease. We have been focusing on Dr. Seuss books which demonstrate good values and messages for our tamariki. Our focus around 'It's All in the Past' has shown us how things have changed to make it easier for us in so many ways. Please start sending book bags as we will be starting to send readers home. As you may have noticed we have kept up some of our tasks on Seesaw which was a request from our tamariki. Thank you to our whānau for the support and encouragement to get our tamariki back to school.

**Pukeko:** Wow, what a fantastic first two weeks back in Term 2. We are so pleased to be back face to face with our team. We have been engaging in a range of fun art activities, inquiry research and PE games to help us settle back in. All our tamariki are very interested in our 'It's All in the Past' topic and are enjoying looking back at olden day transport in particular.

**Kotare:** Kia ora e ngā whānau o Morningside kura! Team Kotare have had an amazing start back after a long break during lockdown. We have come back ready to go with stories of what we enjoyed, what we did and how we spent our time in our bubbles. Last week saw us exploring Food Technology and using our senses to describe what we were doing. The class will probably agree that taste testing was the most fun activity of this exploration! We are continuing our "It's All in the Past" Topic by looking at storytelling through the Arts.

**Roopu Rangitira (Kereru and Kiwi):** Kia Ora Whanau! We have had a great last couple of weeks and everyone seems to be settled back into routine again. We have been having lots of korero about the Covid 19 pandemic and what we experienced. We have discussed the historical importance of what we have been through and what we might tell our own mokopuna about this big event in our future. This is leading into our Inquiry learning focus and we are starting to come up with ways that we would like to share what we have been through in our recent past for future generations to benefit from! We are really enjoying getting out in the mornings for a quick fitness session - we usually have 3 or 4 fitness activities available and are working to get 'school fit' again after relaxing a bit more than usual during lockdown. Thank you to whanau for getting your tamariki back to school again - it is great to see everyone again!