



10 September 2021

## BACK TO SCHOOL EDITION!

Kia ora Bellevue Whānau,

How fantastic it is to have most of our learners back on site over the last two days for some 'kanohi ki te kanohi' or face to face interaction! There have been many smiling faces at the gates each afternoon after a good day of connecting with one another.

Thank you to our families for the way in which you have supported your children to return to school. Today 90% of our tamariki had returned to face to face learning. We appreciate the way in which the students are arriving at school around 8.30 - 9am and also your patience, mask wearing and social distancing as you wait to collect your children at the end of the day. All of this makes it easier to keep the students safe under the Level 2 restrictions. We have even been fortunate enough to receive some beautiful baking that has certainly provided a bit of extra motivation for our team!

It is pleasing to see the number of COVID cases dropping over time. We are hopeful that the return to Level 1 will be a swift one, but we have had some practise at Level 2 'operations' and are grateful for the opportunity to get back into some sense of routine with the tamariki and their learning.

It is disappointing that the Level 2 restrictions may affect some of the school wide events that we had planned, but we have a creative team who are already coming up with ways to work around these so that our students do not miss out. We will keep you informed as plans evolve through our regular Bellevue newsletter which will begin coming home again next Wednesday.

Although our focus in these initial days is on welcoming, settling and keeping a close eye on the wellbeing of our students as they adjust back into their routines, please rest assured that we will continue to meet learners where they are academically, identifying 'next steps' so that we can support them to make continued progress. If you have any concerns about your child's learning or wellbeing due to COVID-19 disruptions (or for any other reason) we would encourage you to talk with your child's whānau class teacher so that we can work together to address these with a consistent approach between home and school.

The Ministry of Education has an [Information for Parents and Whānau](#) page that could also be useful.

## RETURN OF DEVICES LOANED FROM SCHOOL

A huge thank you to all those families who have already returned their loaned devices to school. We have had more than 50% of those loaned back already. If you have not sent yours, please could you pop it in your child's bag to return for Monday with its charger so that we can get these back into classes (properly cleaned) as quickly as possible.

## DISTANCE LEARNING

As we are aware that it takes some time to adjust back into the school routine and that some families may not return to work until Monday, any unexplained absences this week have been considered due to students continuing with distance learning. **As of Monday, however, please do contact the office if your child is**

**absent for any reason.** School is considered open for all students who are not unwell, waiting for a test result, self isolating or at higher risk of severe illness. If your child is in one of these circumstances, it is important that we are informed so that we can record their absence appropriately and be sure to continue to provide distance learning.

## **CLARIFICATIONS OF LEVEL 2**

Just a reminder that if you do need to come onto our school site for any reason under Level 2 we would ask that you please wear a mask, scan the QR codes, call the office, go direct to the office to sign on our contact tracing register and sanitize.

According to the Ministry of Education guidance all classrooms are to be well ventilated. They are still heated and windows and doors are opened mostly at morning tea and lunch, but it may be a good idea to encourage your child to bring an extra layer so that they do not get cold while we work within these requirements.

## **PRINCIPAL CONSULTATION**

A quick reminder from the Board to please follow this link if you wish to have your say on what we are looking for in our new Principal <https://forms.gle/KwB7Yj5K1vsf3uCy9>

As always, please don't hesitate to contact your child's kaiako or us, if there is something you need assistance with. We look forward to when we can welcome our families back on site.

Our [GOOGLE FORM](#) for your feedback will remain open until we are no longer operating Distance Learning.

Mā te wā

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