



22 August 2021

Kia ora Bellevue Whānau,

We hope you have managed to have some time to enjoy the sun and quiet this weekend despite the challenges. Thanks to everyone who supported their child to join the Google Meets on Friday and those who got in touch if they were having difficulty. Our team reported very positive interactions and competent use of the technology from all our tamariki.

Our team has been busy checking in with families, preparing for the week ahead and for the distribution of what families need from Monday, while working within the Level 4 health requirements. We hope that for those of you who have been through this before our approach will be consistent enough to provide some sense of continuity. For those of you who are experiencing this for the very first time, including some of our teachers, please be reassured that we are working very hard behind the scenes to help you support your child/ren through these times of change.

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Dated COVID-19 updates will be emailed to you as we pass on essential information until we are safely back at Level 1. Copies of these newsletters can be found [here](#) on the school website - just click the COVID-19 Updates box on the home page.

ONLINE LEARNING / OFFLINE LEARNING

The distance learning activities for our students for Monday and Tuesday this week are now on the website - please follow [THIS LINK](#)

As parents, it is **your choice** as to how you manage this time in lockdown to support your child/ren's learning, as you will be right there with them and best able to judge what their needs are. You can choose to:

- Opt-out of all online learning, instead providing your own learning opportunities
- Opt-in to online learning sometimes for your child
- Opt-in to online learning most/all of the time for your child
- Other – you may wish to discuss this with your child's classroom teacher

As parents you will find that you learn what works best for you and your child/ren on a day-to-day basis.

All parents will be able to contact their child's teacher by email, on Seesaw or if they are not online teachers will make contact via phone call during the times of 9-10am, and 2-3pm as outlined on the Guidelines for Students and Families linked below or available on the website [here](#). If you need to talk with the teacher, leave your contact details and they will respond as soon as they can. Please remember that they will be working with other families, as well as their own!

DISTRIBUTION OF DEVICES / HARD COPY MATERIALS:

As of Monday we have a 'skeleton' crew at school organising devices to be distributed to a large number of families. Please note that this will take some time due to the very strict regulations around distancing, etc.

If you requested a device / hard copy pack through our form or your child's teacher please note the following timeline and information -

Devices only -

These will be delivered **from after 11.30am on Monday 23 August.** A teacher will call your home when they arrive - expect a call from a 'Private' number. They will talk to you about signing the [Use of School Equipment and Devices Agreement](#) and returning this to them. We have included this document here so that you can read it prior to the drop off. The teacher will then drop your device near to you (but maintaining a 2m distance) so you can collect it, sign the agreement and leave this for them to pick up. **Please have your own pen handy and follow the teacher's lead.** It is very important that we follow the strict guidelines for a contactless delivery for your safety and that of our staff.

Hard Copies / Hard Copies with Devices -

These will be delivered **from/after 12noon on Tuesday 24 August.** A teacher will call your home when they arrive - expect a call from a 'Private' number. Delivery will be as above - including the signing of the agreement for those who have requested a device.

If your child uses Assistive Technology at school this will be delivered to you as above.

Update Timeline for the roll out of our distance learning is as follows -

Monday -

- Distance learning activities provided by school as of this communication for the beginning half of the week
- Devices only roll out

Tuesday -

- Hard copy and device roll out completed
- Distance learning activities for Wednesday 25 - Tuesday 30 August added to website and link sent to families
- Communications around Alert Level 3 if required in response to Government announcement

Your child's teacher will be in touch about Google Meets for the week.

Please don't hesitate to contact your child's kaiako or us, if there is something you need assistance with.

Ngā mihi nui

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Other information (previously included)

Please see [THIS LINK](#) for the distance learning 'Guidelines for Students and Families' in effect from Monday 23 August for as long as we are in Alert Level 4 or 3.

For the outline of what school looks like at each level, please refer to our school website:

<https://www.bellevue-newlands.school.nz/25/pages/1227-covid-information>