



24 August 2021

Kia ora Bellevue Whānau,

As you will all be aware from the news yesterday, Wellington will remain at Alert Level 4 until 12:59pm Friday 27 August. The Alert Level will be reviewed on Friday afternoon.

Should there be a change in Alert Level announced on Friday, we are ready for this. We will be in contact shortly afterwards to outline what this means for students at Bellevue - though a brief outline of Level 3 is included in the orange visual below (as on our website) for those who like to think ahead.

Please note that at Level 3 as with Level 4 **most students will continue with Distance Learning from home** - the school is open for children of Essential Workers only. A Google Form will come home tomorrow **for the families of Essential Workers only** to register their children to inform our planning.

DELIVERY OF DEVICES / HARD COPY MATERIAL

Our team has been working hard over the past two days to get devices and hard copy packs out to families as requested. We are hopeful that as of this evening everyone has what they need to access Bellevue Distance Learning in the way that suits them best.

Please continue to communicate with your child's whānau class teacher if there is anything we can do to support you and your tamariki. It is our intention to provide options and support for whatever Distance Learning may look like in your own context - not to create any additional pressure. Our team are ready and willing to celebrate learning in whatever form it comes!

Please note that as the government has provided an exemption only for:

Workers of education ...to:

1. access the premises of an education entity for the purpose of collating and arranging for the delivery of educational resources to those of their students who are otherwise unable to access resources remotely; at specific times and
2. undertake contactless deliveries to those students.

we will be unable to organise any further hard copies until next Tuesday (31 August) when the team will be back on site to collate and deliver the next round of Distance Learning.

DISTANCE LEARNING FOR THIS WEEK

Hub Distance Learning Activities for 25 - 31 August are now on the website [HERE](#) as is a [copy of this communication](#)

We have provided all families with access to all Hubs Distance Learning so that you are able to select from what is on offer if you wish to. Our teachers will celebrate and respond to whatever is shared with them through Seesaw!

In addition we are sharing [The Wolf Was Not Sleeping](#) by Avril McDonald - a story to support young people in anxious times in case it is helpful in talking with your child.

A reminder that contact times for teachers via email or on Seesaw are between 9-10am, and 2-3pm. Please remember that they will be working with other families, as well as their own!

ACCESS TO THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

Please note that the Delta variant is very contagious so, in accordance with the health advice; the school, the playground and the school grounds remain closed at Alert Level 4.

SCHOOL EVENTS POSTPONED

As you will understand our school events for this week will be postponed - this includes our Learning Through Play evening scheduled for tomorrow and the ICAS Science for Years 4-6 at this stage. We will keep you informed as to when any events affected by this lockdown will be rescheduled.

Similarly our whole school production 'Moana Whisper' was scheduled for less than a month away. If we remain at Level 4 or 3, rehearsals for this will not be able to go ahead. We are in the process of looking at an alternative date to allow more time for our tamariki to prepare for this special event.

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

Kia kaha

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Other useful links:

The Ministry for Ethnic Communities | Te Tari Mātāwaka has just released some [videos in different languages about the 'Golden rules for Level 4'](#)

Previously included:

['Guidelines for Students and Families for Distance Learning'](#) in effect from Monday 23 August for as long as we are in Alert Level 4 or 3.

[COVID19.govt.nz - Alert Level 4 requirements](https://www.covid19.govt.nz/alert-level-4-requirements)



Bubble School

- Children of Essential Workers

- Bubble School at Level 3 is specifically for children who need to be at school ie: children of essential workers.
- All other children work on Distance Learning activities under adult supervision at home.
- Children who come to Bubble School do the same distance learning activities supervised by a staff member on the school site. This may not be your child's whānau class teacher.
- Students work in the same learning space (Bubble Class) each day with personal equipment/device allocated to them.
- Children from the same family work in the same Bubble Class.
- It is imperative that you notify the school if your children need to attend Bubble School.
- The school requires confirmation of the number and names of these children so that organisational plans for contact tracing, social distancing and safety measures can be put in place.
- Drop off and collection protocols will be advised on the confirmation of numbers.
- Access to school grounds and buildings is limited to staff members only during Alert Level 3.