



Te Matapuna Aroha – Te Matapuna Whakapono

SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOL

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Kia ora koutou,

I hope everyone is safe and well and is enjoying some family time. I am sure you have all heard that the Level 4 Lockdown is to continue across the country until 11.59pm Tuesday 24 August. This means that Ferndale School will remain closed until we are advised by government to reopen.

Because we do not know if this lockdown will be extended past Tuesday and because we have already been in Lockdown for three school days we know that some parents/caregivers may want more learning resources for their child/young person. The government has now made it possible for teachers to come into school to organise learning packs that can be delivered to your home. Most of the learning packs have already been put together earlier this year but some packs might need a couple more additions. Teachers will follow strict protocols when preparing these packs including wearing masks and gloves.

Your child/young person's pack will be prepared this coming Monday 23 August. Some packs will be couriered to families and some packs will be delivered by staff. Staff are under strict instructions around delivery of packs. They are only to drop off the packs inside your gate and will text you that they have dropped off the pack so you can go outside to collect this. No staff member is to interact with any family member.

We do not know when we will get another opportunity to deliver hard packs so we are taking this opportunity to have these delivered to you now. But please do not feel you need to use these packs if you do not wish to do so. If you would rather carry on with your own routines, please put the pack to one side and when the school reopens you can send this back into school with your child/young person.

If you have any questions, concerns or would like to discuss this further please contact me either by email or by phoning 027 222 6645.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend, keep safe everyone.

Ngā mihi

Maureen Poulter
Principal ~ Tumuaki