

## TE AWAMUTU COLLEGE

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## DEAR PARENTS/ CAREGIVERS and STUDENTS of TE AWAMUTU COLLEGE

I hope that distance learning is going well for you. I know it brings some challenges but I am also hearing about some enterprising and worthwhile use of technology by teachers and students.

Parents/ Caregivers- thank you for supporting and encouraging your child/ children, whether it be by them:

- -attempting online and/or hard copy work
- doing extra reading
- -accessing the range of digital learning resources available, for example, www.learningfromhome.govt.nz
- -engaging with appropriate slots of Home Learning TV (Years 9 and 10)

Yesterday the Government decided that we move into Alert Level 3 on Tuesday 28 April. That means we will be open on Wednesday 29 April to receive the Year 9 and 10 children of essential and safe business workers who absolutely NEED to send them to school if there is NO possible or adequate supervision available for them.

The key message from the Government is that if you can, you should keep your children at home to continue distance learning. If your child has a health condition that means they are at greater risk of severe illness you MUST keep them at home. If your child is sick, please also ensure you keep them at home.

In order to ensure the safety of those students and staff who do come to school, we will be operating with strict enforcement of health and safety measures, as advised by Ministry of Education who are liaising with Ministry of Health.

The remainder of this week is being spent preparing school, for example, cleaning, repairs and maintenance.

We now NEED AN INDICATION from you, whether you will be needing to send your Year 9/ 10 child(ren) to school. PLEASE INFORM US BY RETURN EMAIL GIVING FULL NAME(S) of students who WILL BE ATTENDING.

It would be greatly appreciated if we had this information by NOON FRIDAY 24 APRIL so that we can arrange venue(s) and have roll(s) organised. We will provide details of arrangements once they are confirmed.

We will continue to support all students who continue to be at home with distance learning.

Kia Kaha

Tony Membery (Principal)