

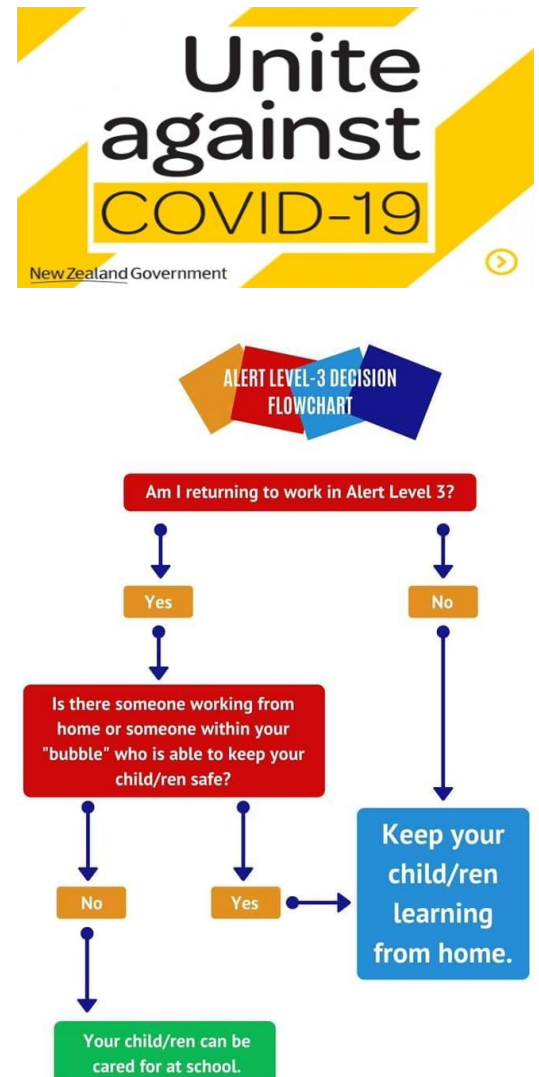
Kia ora koutou Boulcott whanau,

Today marks our first full week of distance learning! Thank you all for the support you have given your children at home to make it a success. We also appreciate the feedback we are receiving from you at home on what is working for your family and what isn't. Remember, we are trying our best to deliver a programme that can work for all - we won't always get it right. The key thing is we provide the learning opportunities, and you make the decisions on what will work for your child and your whanau in your setting. You do as little or as much as you like. Listen to your child and let them take some ownership of their learning.

Next week the country moves from Alert Level 4 to Level 3 which means our school will be open to the families that require it. The key rule for Level 3 is if you can, stay at home and that includes learning at home. Thank you to everyone who has completed our online survey this week. We have approximately 6% of the student population that will be returning to school next Wednesday. We feel very privileged to offer this service to the families that require it - doing our part in getting the communities and country back on its feet. Getting prepared to open under Level 3 restrictions requires a huge undertaking. There are a considerable amount of Health and Safety regulations we need to put in place to ensure everyone who attends can stay safe. These mean school will look and feel much differently to what it normally would.

The Senior Leadership Team has spent this week developing plans on how we will operate during Level 3. At this stage we will be operating 2 'bubbles' of learning within the school with a skeleton staff. Additional information on protocols and guidance will be sent out to families who have indicated they will be attending school, at the beginning of next week.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the staff who have offered to be on-site during Level 3 restrictions. We are lucky that we had more than enough staff that were willing to support the children that come to school. It is important to note that distance learning programmes will continue next week, with students working at school also completing this work. Because we will have staff at school and at home, we have had to distribute the responsibilities out amongst the teams. Your child's classroom teacher may be back at school next week, supervising other children so their availability may not be as



flexible. Rest assured, all classes will still be receiving either their weekly or daily task to complete at your discretion.

Below is a short timeline of what the next few days look like as we finalise our plans to open again:

Friday 24th April	Senior Leadership Team meet to finalise planning
Monday 27th April	ANZAC Day observed: No Distance Learning provided
Tuesday 28th April	Teachers Only Day: On-site staff preparing school for students. Whole staff meeting (online). No Distance Learning provided
Wednesday 29th April	School Open for families that need it.

Even though school will be open next week, visitors are still discouraged on-site. It is essential we minimise the ‘traffic’ coming in, out and through school. The school office will be operating as usual from Tuesday 28th, so if you do have any queries you can phone or email info@boulcott.school.nz.

Finally, I’d like to leave you with some highlights from our House Pride Day online day. It was wonderful to see you all dressed up in your House colours and getting the whole whanau involved. Well done Boulcott School community!!

Nga mihi,

Stu Devenport

Principal

