



Kia ora koutou Boulcott whanau,

The shift in alert levels announced by the Prime Minister last night was the last thing any of us wanted to hear, but thank you for the calm and sensible way you have responded to this latest news. As we know from recent experiences, being decisive and acting swiftly pays off to stamp out the spread.

So, from 12pm today Boulcott School moves to Level 2 restrictions. This is disappointing but on a positive note, we have been here before so we have the plans in place to adhere to the guidelines. It is also important to note that at Level 2, school looks and feels pretty much like normal (especially for the students) with only a few restrictions in place. Our key focus at school will be keeping our tamariki happy and calm while keeping to routines as much as possible.

This newsletter contains the key points to keep in mind while we are operating under Level 2. These points are literally a 'copy and paste' from our communications to you when we moved into Level 2 in May this year, so there should be no surprise.

Thinking of the week ahead, and our schedule, **Running Club** this Friday morning and our **Friday assembly will be cancelled.**

At this stage, **Interzone Cross Country for next Tuesday is still on.**

Important points in preparation for Thursday, 13 August



We are restricting adults visiting school.

- Please drop off and pick up your child at the school gate.
- If your children are older, think about making a meeting spot away from the school gate to avoid congestion. Don't forget our Walking Pou located in Ariki Street.
- If necessary, Junior School parents can pick up and drop off from the external classroom doors. **Please do not arrive early for pick up or linger after drop off.**
- If students are waiting to be collected after 3pm, they will be directed to the Senior school courtyard.



Please avoid visiting the school office.

- Think about ringing or emailing the school office instead.
- If you do need to visit the school, please enter through the school office and sign in using Vistab, our online visitor system.
- Please wait on the lines marked outside the office if you are waiting.



For hygiene reasons, water fountains in the playground remain closed.

- All children should come to school with a filled (water only) drink bottle that is named.
- There will be plenty of taps for them to refill throughout the day.



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- If your child is unwell, even if it is a runny nose, keep them at home.
- If your child presents as unwell throughout the day, we will be contacting you to collect them promptly.
- If you are unwell, please do not enter the school grounds.



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- If you have not downloaded the Government Tracer App, we recommend you do so asap.
- If you are visiting school, please sign in to Boulcott School using the posters displayed around the school.

Further information

Face masks are not required to be worn at school at Level 2 or 3, as per Ministry of Education guidance.

SKIDS After and Before School Care is open for business as usual.

Here is the link to the video from me as we moved from Level 3 to Level 2 in May which may be useful to revisit: <https://www.loom.com/share/77577f88b9694db7937b99e19ad5c388>

It's really important you take the time to talk to your child/ren to review these changes so they are fully prepared for school tomorrow.

Thanks to you all for your continued support. Let's hope the country can pull together again to stamp out this nasty virus.

Ngā Manaakitanga

Stu Devenport

Principal