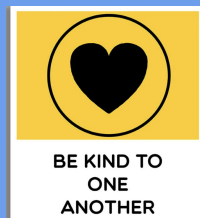


ELLERSLIE SCHOOL

Tuesday 7th September

Term 3 - Week 7



Tena koutou katoa Ellerslie whanau

Preparing for Alert Level 3

We hope that at some stage before the end of Term 3, Auckland will move to Alert Level 3. While this will be great for many businesses and for the local economy, the reality is that the school will essentially remain closed to most students and staff. The Ministry of Education **at this stage** has stated that:

In Alert Level 3, most children and young people will continue to learn from home, however schools are open for all children and young people in years 0-10 whose parents or carers need to go to work and there is no alternative person who can supervise them. 'Schools bubbles' are to be formed, but on Public Health's advice that they are to have no more than 10 children/students per bubble.

Naturally we will be closely adhering to the Ministry of Education's national guidelines particularly as we consider how infectious the nature of the Delta variant is. Any final decisions on what happens at Alert Level 3 will be shared once the government has fine tuned guidelines for Auckland.

Attending School in Level 3

To help us with our preparation and planning can you please email Sheree Myers - shereem@ellerslie.school.nz - if you are an essential worker who may have to send your child(ren) to school once we are in Alert Level 3 because there is no alternative person who can supervise them. ***Please note that all children must be registered before they attend school in Alert Level 3.***

Please remember:

- All school sites are closed at Level 4 (including all playgrounds. *The only exception is to allow for some staff to be onsite to distribute learning resources and devices.*
- Go to [Covid19.govt.nz](https://www.covid19.govt.nz) for all up to date information including any new locations of interest.

Vaccination message from the Ministry of Health

Getting vaccinated is the best way to protect each of us and our whānau. The more of us who are vaccinated in our community, the greater our immunity.

The Government approved a vaccine to immunise and protect 12 to 15-year-olds. The Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine has been approved by our Medsafe experts. This vaccine is also used for 12 to 15-year-olds in other countries such as Canada, USA, Europe and Japan.

Here is a [video you can watch](#) to explain how the vaccine works. Many parents and whānau would like to provide informed consent on behalf of their young person. The easiest way to do this is for a parent or caregiver to be present during vaccination and provide verbal consent. You can book your young person in for vaccination at the same time as your vaccination or accompany them to their appointment.

You can book through your GP or through vaccination centres:

- Book online through [Book My Vaccine](#)
- For a group booking, call the COVID Vaccination Healthline on 0800 282 926 (8:00am–8:00pm, seven days a week)

Safe TV viewing for students in Alert Levels 3 and 4

More time at home can see young people watching more TV, and potentially watching outside their normal viewing hours – which can increase the risk they will encounter unsuitable viewing. Tools are available to help parents protect students from TV content that may harm them.

A practical guide to the latest tools (including parental locks, classifications, advisories, warnings and timebands) plus an informative video from Jordan 'How to DAD' Watson is available at safeviewing.co.nz.

These tools are overseen by the Broadcasting Standards Authority, which provides [further useful information here](#).

And finally

We are so fortunate at Ellerslie School to be made up of 820 students who come from over 30 different cultural backgrounds. This makes us a school of great diversity and culture, representing all corners of the world.

When tragic events occur, like the one last Friday in Auckland, we are all shocked. The Prime Minister's statement that this tragedy was *"carried out by an individual - not a faith, not a culture, not an ethnicity – but an individual person who was gripped by ideology that is not supported here, by anyone, by any community"* is important for all of us to remember, as we continue to show our support and solidarity to all members of our community.

Recently, I had the privilege of listening to well known journalist, Jehan Casinader at a Principal's Conference. On a number of occasions he shared with us the challenges and experiences he faced when growing up in New Zealand. Last weekend Jehan wrote an excellent article in the paper reflecting on these and Friday's event. I have shared the article [here](#). At Ellerslie School everyone is welcome. We will always support, include, embrace and encourage diversity with all members of our community.

Contact Information

For enquiries regarding online learning:

- Email your child/ren's Guardian Group teacher. Contacts are available on our website.

For general enquiries:

1. Email the school office (office@ellerslie.school.nz).
2. Ring the school mobile phone: 021474899 (to speak to a member of the office staff). This phone number will only be available during normal school hours from 8:50am to 2:45pm.
3. Updates are also available on the Ellerslie School website - www.ellerslie.school.nz.

For any emergency or urgent concerns:

- Ring Ellerslie School Principal - Nick Butler: 021888262.

The school will continue to communicate with the community using our usual methods:

- Email, school app, website and our Facebook page.

Ngā mihi nui,



Nick Butler
Principal
Ph 021888262



Golden rules for Alert Level 4

-  **Stay at home** in your bubble
-  **Feeling unwell?** Call your doctor or Healthline on **0800 358 5453** about getting tested
- If leaving the house:**
 -  **Wear a mask and keep a 2m distance** from others
 -  **Keep on scanning QR codes**
 -  **Wash and sanitise hands often**
 -  **Stay local and be kind to one another**

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