

PARKLAND SCHOOL
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COVID LOCKDOWN LEVEL 4

Dear Parkland Parents and Community,

As you will be aware schools throughout the country will remain at Level 4 until at least Friday night, possibly longer?

Teachers were prepared for this eventuality for this week and I know they have all been in touch towards the end of last week as well as today, as we delve further into online learning again. Remember that online learning doesn't necessarily mean that you work on a device all day. Teachers will be carefully developing programmes that do not require huge amounts of time online.

Today we have also distributed devices to students that have needed them to undertake their work. My thanks to Mrs White for her assistance with this task and the offers of help from other staff. We have 4-5 devices still at school as a few families were not at home when we called. If there are others that we have missed out on this first group of devices, please let your own class teacher know your needs. Remember that these devices have come out of your child's own class and if damaged in any way it will be their class who will be short once we return to school.

The work teachers provide across each of the three teams will look very different. This is how it should be and will mean the work is targeted at the right age group. It is up to you as parents to manage your child's workload. Feel free to do as much or as little as you want to do. There is no compulsion to complete every suggestion during what will be a very stressful time for many families throughout the country.

There is always help available if needed and your first port of call is your class teacher. Great to see some of the 300+ pieces of work on Seesaw already! Well done parents and children!

Today at school there has unfortunately been a considerable amount of vandalism by a male High School student on a scooter. The damage includes a smashed glass door on the new senior toilet block, two broken bollards and a smashed drinking fountain. This is despite the fact that the **school grounds are closed and there are signs at both entrances.**

This snippet has come directly from the Ministry of Education...

"We've had reports from different parts of the country that children and young people have been gathering at schools and using school play equipment."

*As I know you're acutely aware, at Alert Level 4 **all schools are closed** – this includes your playgrounds. The experience overseas (most recently in New South Wales) has been the lockdowns can be prolonged for reasons such as groups of young people congregating."*

If you see something that doesn't seem right we urge the community to call the Police directly and immediately.

Remember....we are here to help and are happy to respond to requests or questions. Lets hope that Level 4 doesn't last too long as there will be events on our school calendar that it will start to impact on.

Stay safe
Peter Barnett
Principal

