

**PARKLAND SCHOOL  
SATURDAY AUGUST 28th 2021**



**COVID LOCKDOWN - MOVE TO LEVEL 3**

Dear Parkland Parents and Community,

**As you will be aware, everyone south of Auckland will move to Level 3 at 11:59pm next Tuesday, August 31st.**

We are yet to hear from the Ministry of Education regarding specific requirements for schools while in Level 3. We can not really wait until Monday to receive this so have prepared as best we can based on information available to date. This may change by Wednesday so you just need to be aware of this.

What does this mean for us?

**“The Prime Minister said that at Alert Level 3 schools will effectively continue to be closed for face-to-face learning, other than for the children of parents who need to go to work and have no alternative care options available.”**

**Children will continue to participate at home in online learning programmes provided by their class teachers. (Sorry Parents!)**

**School will operate under Level 3 for a very small group of students. Most will remain at home. Children at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19 must stay home wherever possible. We will open the school for these few students who have registered next Wednesday September 1st, 2021.**

This means that if you are a parent that is either an ‘Essential Service Worker’ OR you are required to go to work and do not have the ability to access alternative supervision for your children, you can register your child with me directly using the following email address so that they can be placed in a learning bubble with a maximum of 10 students in each. (Please note that we are unable to provide ‘respite’ care for your children! If you are working from home we are unable to accept your child during Level 3)

You need to complete your details below and email this directly to me at: [principal@parkland.school.nz](mailto:principal@parkland.school.nz)

Child's Name	
Current Room	
Year Group	
Parent Name	

Contact Phone	
Contact email	
Brief Reason for your child needing to attend school during Level 3.	

**NB: The FIRST deadline for parents to register their children is SUNDAY August 29th at 5pm.**

Following this deadline the school will begin to organise the bubbles, a classroom space to work in and staffing to cover each group. Please note that the teacher for each bubble may not be your child's normal teacher and that the teacher may be different throughout next week.

The groups will be separated wherever possible but as we all know children will mix with others and we are unable to prevent some coming together of the bubbles while at school, despite all the plans that will be in place.

*(I will personally confirm your child's place in a 'Bubble'. Please do not just turn up on Wednesday morning as you will be turned away.)*

You will then be able to deliver your child to the front of the school beside the flagpole between 8.30am and 8.50am where they will be escorted to their respective bubbles.

Please use the carpark entrance only rather than the back entrance. Children will be returned to this area promptly at 2.55pm by the 'Bubble Teacher'.

Under Level 3 parents are not permitted to enter the school grounds as freely as we do at present. There will be a Contact Tracing QR code at the flagpole which should be used to 'sign in' however.

### Online Learning

We have spent two days this past week delivering school devices to everyone that indicated to their teachers that one was needed. Teachers have enjoyed seeing some of the fantastic things children have been involved in.

Here is just one example of an amazing activity designed by parents where they have taken a famous painting (On the right) and then tried to recreate the painting in photographic form with their children involved. (The girl on the left is a Parkland student!)



Stay safe  
Peter Barnett  
Principal

**Give**  
Your time,  
your words,  
your presence

**BE ACTIVE**  
DO WHAT YOU CAN,  
ENJOY WHAT YOU DO,  
MOVE YOUR HOOD

**KEEP LEARNING**  
EMBRACE NEW  
EXPERIENCES,  
SEE OPPORTUNITIES,  
SURPRISE YOURSELF

**CONNECT**  
TALK & LISTEN,  
BE THERE,  
FEEL CONNECTED

**TAKE NOTICE**  
REMEMBER  
THE SIMPLE  
THINGS THAT  
GIVE YOU JOY

**FIVE WAYS TO WELLBEING**  
INTRODUCE THESE FIVE SIMPLE STRATEGIES INTO YOUR LIFE AND YOU WILL FEEL THE BENEFITS.

Mental Health Foundation  
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