

Term 3- Week 8

15th September 2021

Kia Ora Ramarama School whanau,

The announcement on Monday that Auckland will be staying in Lockdown Level 4 until Tuesday 21st September was not the news I wanted to hear. I want to acknowledge everyone in our school community and the greater Auckland area that have been doing lockdown for such an extended period of time now. The staff and I are all feeling just as drained and despondent as the rest of you with this news.



The Ministry of Education has informed us today that “schools will remain closed at Level 3, except for those in exceptional circumstances. This means that children should be cared for wherever possible by others in your bubble. This can be a parent working from home, an older sibling, grandparent, extended family member or others who are in your bubble. Wherever possible you should keep your student home from school for this period in line with the advice from public health.”

Alert Level 3 preparations are in place and we have made the appropriate plans based on the latest Ministry advice for the Delta variant. **We have been told that schools will open for limited students on Wednesday 22nd September.**

It is crucial that we know who will be attending school so we can ensure we have adequate staffing. Delta’s heightened transmission has led to tighter restrictions for the school environment. We will be required to keep school bubbles to no more than 10 children. If we have more than one bubble at school, these 2 bubbles will have to be kept completely separate, including drop off, pick ups and breaks. **All of our full time classroom teachers will continue to work from home and deliver distance learning to their own classes.**

The bubble/bubbles will be staffed by myself and some of our part time teachers. We do need to know who to expect in order to staff the school appropriately. At Level 3 **distance learning** continues for all students (**whether at home or at school**). Can you please email me and let me know if your child/children will return to school at Level 3- please ensure you read through the guidelines for this above. If you email me to let me know that your child/children need to return to school I will then send you the Level 3 plans and guidelines individually. My email address is [principal@ramarama.school.nz](mailto:principal@ramarama.school.nz)

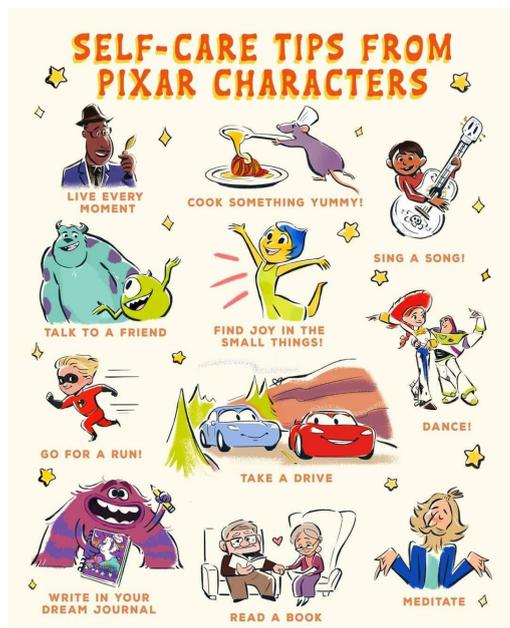
You will have heard that masks are not mandatory for children. However if students decide to wear a mask they should know how to wear a mask correctly, not be pulling at the mask while wearing it and not to take them off and leave them lying around the room.

We should be proud of how we have responded to this outbreak, but the mahi isn’t yet done. As you have been doing, please continue to follow all the alert level requirements at Alert Level 4 and stay at home. It is the best tool we have to keep our whānau and community safe.

Ngā mihi,  
Tania Campbell  
Tumuaki/Principal



**Distance Learning:** We want to acknowledge how hard everyone has been working to stay connected and complete distance learning tasks. We will do a final hard copy pack of worksheets, readers, library books and art supplies for anyone who needs them. These will be able to be collected from school on Tuesday 21st September between 10-12pm in the same way we have done the last 3 collections. Please let your child's teacher know what you need to see you through to the end of the term. If you could return any readers you have at home when you collect the new ones that would be great. We will have a box for you to place these in.



Please remember there is no pressure from us for you and your child to do everything related to the distance learning tasks being shared- just do what works for your family.

#### **Awhina Groups:**

Check out the links via Seesaw to the Awhina Group Zoom Meetings this Friday.

Teachers will be running Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori activities for the morning.

#### **Calf Club:**

Thank you to everyone who filled in the Google Form survey about Calf Club. The majority of people were in favour of a video submission as many people were unable to commit to rearing animals for a longer period of time, which is totally understandable.

- So we have made the decision to run with a virtual Calf Club Day for the animal judging.
- If you have registered your animal you will be sent instructions via email on what you need to do and how to send in your entries. We will allocate 27th- 30th September as the days for you to film your entries and have them all sent in by Friday 1st October. We will then spend some time in the school holidays "judging" them and notify everyone of the results in Week 1 of Term 4.
- For all our students working on the Calf Club Day project you will also need to send in a photo of your completed project by Friday 1st October. Please send these to your classroom teacher when you have completed your project. We will get you to bring the actual project into school for display in Week 1 of Term 4.

**Out of Zone Enrolments for 2022** If you have a child that is turning 5 at any stage in 2022 that you would like to attend Ramarama School and you currently live out of zone it is important that you complete this process. We also have limited spaces in the Year 7 & 8 classes in 2022 for out of zone students.

Enrolment at Ramarama School is governed by an enrolment scheme. Details of school zone and enrolment policy priorities are available from the school office, [admin@ramarama.school.nz](mailto:admin@ramarama.school.nz)

Ramarama School will have a limited number of out of zone places available for 2022 in the Year 0/1 class and a limited number of spaces in the Year 7 & 8 class.

**Applications close – Monday 18th October 2021** If the number of out of zone applications exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot.

**Ballot Date (if necessary) – Wednesday 20th October 2021**

Enrolment Application Forms are available from the school office, please email Andrea [admin@ramarama.school.nz](mailto:admin@ramarama.school.nz)

**Teachers CRT:** Just a reminder that **Friday 17th September from 12.00pm** will be CRT- non contact time for all staff this week.

**BOT Update:**

*To the staff of Ramarama School: On behalf of the board I would like to extend my sincerest thanks for all the hard mahi you do to keep our rangatahi engaged in their learning. Many of you have young children at home and are having to balance multiple roles. We are well aware that lockdown will have caused you stress and sleepless nights. Please find time to look after yourselves and your family. We hope the upcoming holidays provide some welcome rest*

*Ngā mihi,*

*Aaron Farr*

*On Behalf of the Ramarama School Board of Trustees*

