

28 March 2020

Key Dates Reminder and Information

Ahiahhi marie koutou/Good afternoon everyone,

Due to the COVID-19 level 4 lockdown there have been some date changes. I have listed key date reminders below:

Key dates reminder:

- 28 March School holidays begin
- 10 – 14 April Easter including the Tuesday after Easter
- 15 April Term 2 begins through distance learning using SchoolTalk platform
- 22 April Current date for ending of lockdown period
- 27 April ANZAC Day observed

The main changes are that school holidays have now begun and will run until the 14th of April. Term 2 commences on the 15th of April through our distance learning programme.

At the present time, the 22nd of April is the date that the current lockdown period will finish. Further information as to the exact date we open the school will be communicated closer to the time.

Distance Learning

Mrs Lau has shared information on the purpose of the SchoolTalk platform in a previous FlexiBuzz. If you are still experiencing difficulties accessing SchoolTalk for your child please email me michaele@orakei.school.nz and Mrs Lau ashleyl@orakei.school.nz and we will work to fix these issues.

As our distance learning develops more information will be communicated to you. It can also be found on our school website. Clicking [here](#) will take you straight to this page .

End of Term Assembly

Once school resumes we will host our End of Term One Assembly. The date and time for this will be communicated once we confirm our restart date. However, should this lockdown continue, then we will try and host a virtual End of Term One Assembly to announce the children who would have received certificates and awards.

School Grounds Closed

A reminder that during this time the school grounds are closed. This decision was made by John Ombler, All of Government Controller, and includes the Commissioner of Police, Director-General of Health, Director of Civil Defence Emergency Management, the General Manager Science at Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment and reports directly to the Department of the Prime Minister and

Cabinet. This means that no one can visit the school site for any reason during this lockdown period.

Finally, I hope that you are all well and looking after your whanau. Stay safe and be kind to one another.

Ngā mihi mahana/Warmest regards,

Michael Earl
Principal
Ōrākei School