



## ŌRĀKEI SCHOOL

May 12, 2020

Dear Parents,

The Prime Minister's announcement that schools will open next Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> of May at Alert Level 2, was welcomed by us all. We are very excited to be able to reopen our school and welcome back all our students.

Reopening the school under Alert Level 2 conditions will significantly expand the learning opportunities for our students. We are acutely aware of the need to re-establish relationships with and between our children. We understand that for some families there will be anxiety around returning to school. Please be assured that our children's wellbeing will be a priority.

We will continue to prioritise our hygiene protocols. There will be a supply of single use paper towels and hand sanitiser in every classroom, children will be encouraged to wash their hands regularly throughout the day, and high contact surfaces will be disinfected regularly. Our drinking fountains will remain closed so students will be required to bring a drink bottle each day. Playgrounds will however be open for the children to use. We acknowledge that some children may have out grown their uniform therefore we have extended the sports uniform option to the end of this term.

While school will look and feel the same for our children, there will be a range of operational changes for our parents. Contact tracing in Alert Level 2 is critical, and for this reason we will limit parents' entry to our school grounds. Parents who do need to enter the school will be recorded on a visitor register. A more detailed guide about drop off and pick up will be shared later this week.

Our teachers will prepare their classes and teaching resources on Thursday and Friday this week. Therefore I would like to reiterate that school will reopen fully on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May.

With warm regards,

Michael Earl  
**PRINCIPAL**