



Community update 19/10

Kia ora e te whānau,

This is not where we expected to be at the start of Term 4. I suspect that we might be here in Level 3 for a wee while yet - I hope to be mistaken!!

We are very aware that this length of time in Lockdown can put extra strain on families. Living with these restrictions can be very upsetting for our tamariki and rangatahi.

If you need help please reach out and we can try to support you.

For any need - no matter how big or small please contact manaakitanga@oaklynn.school.nz

The Prime Minister's announcement

The announcement yesterday stated that Cabinet has made the decision that Auckland will remain in Lockdown Level 3 for two more weeks. With this decision being reviewed on Monday 1st November. We will also be hearing some more information on Wednesday from Chris Hipkins as to plans for schooling.

This means that ALL learners will remain at home and continue with their "Learning from Home" programme for the weeks of Monday 18th - Monday 1st November.

Learning from Home

Over the first few days of this week, all class teachers will be contacting all parents, whānau and carers to check in with you. You may already have heard from your teacher by now.

We are interested to know what your child or young adult might need to help you get through the next few weeks.

Talk to your teacher about;

- How your child or young adult might best engage in learning activities
- Zoom meetings
- Hard packs - do you need any learning resources at home?

Support for whānau



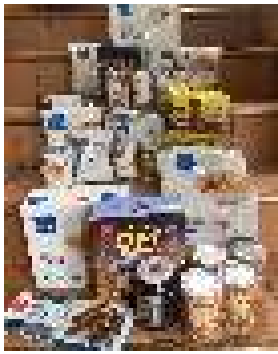
disability connect. Supporting families

ZOOM PARENTS SUPPORT GROUP – MONDAYS – 7-8PM AND TUESDAY/FRIDAYS 10.30-11.30AM

[Link to Disability Connex site - here](#)

MANAAKITANGA

is one of Oaklynn's core values - it is a beautiful concept from Te Ao Māori (Māori world) and means "hospitality, kindness, generosity, support - the process of showing respect, generosity and care for others".



Oaklynn's manaakitanga initiative can support our community in many ways during lockdown;

- Purchasing food, delivering food and other items to homes
- **\$70 buys a food parcel (like the one in the pic) for a family**

Here's how you can help

Going on our list of helpers email - manaakitanga@oaklynn.school.nz

Make a \$\$ donation to the school manaakitanga account **12-3109-0012500-00** with reference **manaakitanga**

Community Support

A big shout out to the organisations below who supported our families to have food throughout the school break. Disability Connect are currently applying for extra funds to ensure they can continue to support our families in an ongoing way.

THANK YOU



Metro Auckland



...[taikuratrust](#)

Thank you to Disability Connect for reaching out to us and confirming that they are able to provide food parcels for our whānau again this week.

Disability Connect is supported by New World Metro, Foundation North and Taikura Trust to support our families with food.



Vaccine clinic at Oaklynn Base School

We are holding our third vaccine clinic at Base School on Thursday 21st October at 1.30pm

This is for;

- Students aged 12 years and over and their whānau
- Staff and their whānau

Mandatory vaccinations of school staff

In order to provide a safe environment for our staff and learners when we do return to school, please be assured that all staff at Oaklynn will have;

- been doubly vaccinated or
- returned a negative test result each week

These results are being collected via a centralised email and texting systems at school.

Mandatory testing

All school staff who work in schools and kura in Auckland and other Alert Level 3 regions are required to have returned a negative COVID-19 test result before they can return to working on site. This is regardless of their vaccination status. Any staff member from Monday onwards wanting to go to any school site must show proof of a negative test.

These results are being collected via a centralised email and texting systems at school.

Be Kind

There will be people who are disappointed and upset with the decision around mandatory vaccinations as it will conflict with their beliefs, they will be in our schools and communities, they will be our colleagues. We need to remember our compassion and kindness as we all navigate some difficult decisions over the course of Term Four.

Noho ora mai

Louise Doyle, Principal

Oaklynn School