



UPDATE # 2

31/08/2021

Level 4 continues for another 2 weeks.

Kia ora e te whānau,

I trust this finds you safe and well in your bubbles. Please remember to reach out for support - there's a whole community here to help - whether you're self isolating or just need help with some basics.

After the Prime Minister's announcement this afternoon you will be aware Auckland will remain in Level 4 Lockdown for another 2 weeks until 11.59 pm **Tuesday 14th September.**

This means that **SCHOOL continues to be CLOSED** and we continue to learn from home.

Vaccine update

For staff and students who were vaccinated at school on Thursday 12th August, our next scheduled vaccine session is due on Friday 17th September. We will confirm this session nearer the time- we cannot confirm now because of the demand for vaccination staff across the country.

When this session goes ahead we will give vaccinations to all those requiring their second jab AND will vaccinate any other students, staff and students aged 12-15 also. We will keep you posted.

ALTERNATIVE - Vaccine opportunity for learners and their families.

Attached to this newsletter is a letter we received today inviting you to a drive through vaccine station because you have a child or young person with a disability. You can bring people in your bubble aged 12 and over - carers / family included.

HAUORA FIRST

Hauora / Wellbeing is at the centre of our work at school and is in fact at the centre of all of our lives during this lockdown time.

Oaklynn will be prioritising the community's wellbeing.

- We will be putting wellbeing first - ahead of the drive and push for learning and action.
- Our children are going to come out of this lockdown better if we focus on wellbeing ahead of learning.
- Our community is our learners, their families, and our staff and their families and we need to keep them all safe and emotionally well during the stressful time that is lockdown.
- The senior leadership team will be making all decisions with hauora / wellbeing at the centre.

LEARNING FROM HOME

Our teachers, therapists and support staff are working very hard putting together zoom sessions, and uploading activities and resources to our various platforms. There are so many exciting learning opportunities going on. For some of our learners we appreciate that learning activities might not suit them at this point in time and that just connecting with a friendly face is enough.

We take the lead from each of you and respect each whānau decision as to what is important for your tamariki / ākonga.

We are still providing online learning via ZOOM and resources posted on our [website](#), Storypark and our [youtube channel](#)

ZOOM sessions in action

I had the pleasure of attending a few of the group zoom sessions across the school last week. Sorry I couldn't get to all of the invites extended to me - I'll try to visit other sessions next week. The New Entrants, Te Aratika classes, Base School and OakTEC were just a few of the groups that held sessions to engage their learners in activities, as well providing an online space to hang out with class peers.

What a great team of staff we have - teachers, therapists and support staff all getting stuck in to support our ākonga. So very proud to work alongside you all!

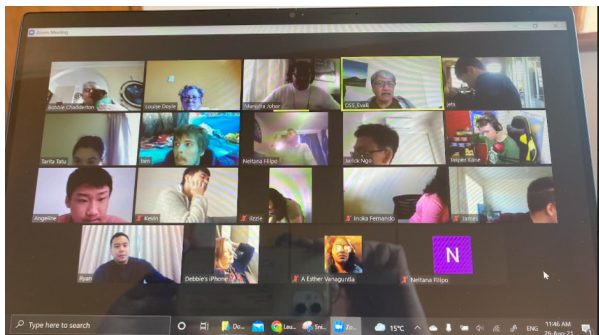
Greenbay High School Te Aratika Rua



New Entrants group



OakTEC



Greenbay High School Te Aratika Wha

Music with Rachel



Base School Music with Rachel



Greenbay High School Toru



Hardpack resources

- We will **not** be preparing hardpack resources this week - we will all stay home and stay safe.
- We are located in an area in the middle of three local high schools which have all had Covid cases. Many of our staff and learner's families are self isolating as close contacts.
- Going into school to create resources creates more opportunity for transmission and contact and increases risk for our staff and their families. It also places extra stress on our staff.
- We will review the decision again in a week's time.

Great opportunity for all to use music at home - this course is only \$10.00

USING MUSIC AT HOME: PRACTICAL TIPS TO TO SAVE YOUR SANITY DURING ISOLATION!!

REBECCA EAGER – NEUROLOGIC MUSIC THERAPIST, DIRECTOR OF NMTSB, MOTHER TO 3 YOUNG CHILDREN



Using Music At Home - Practical tips to save your sanity during isolation!!

Learn about ways to incorporate more music in your daily life to help you and your family thrive. Created for families of 0-10yr olds of all abilities.

No previous musical experience or musical equipment required.

Click on this link [“Using Music at Home”](#)

HAUORA

GOING FOR A DRIVE



- Did you know you are able to take your child/young person with a disability out for a drive even during Alert Level 4?
- This may be because a drive is calming or relieves serious stress in your household.
- Please register for an official letter you can show Police if requested - email centre@carers.net.nz and provide your full name, email, contact details and some information about why you need the letter.
- Copy and paste these words

Dear carers.net,

My name is _____ and I live at _____. In our family we have a son/ daughter with a disability (autism or other). He/ she is _____ years old and he/ she finds it really helpful to go for a drive to be calm.

Please can you send me an official letter that I can take with me and show to Police if we are questioned when we go out in the car.

Thank you ngā mihi _____



Click on this link for [FREE WELLBEING SESSIONS](#) from the Ministry of Health.

- There is no charge to attend our sessions, thanks to support from the Ministry of Health.
- You also don't need a referral from your doctor, counsellor or anyone .
- All you need is a device and an internet connection to join our supportive online community.

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".



SHOUT OUT to New World Green Bay



Oaklynn's local supermarket helps our manaakitanga initiative.

On Wednesday last week we delivered 13 food packs to our families. A great big thank you to **Jamie Brear** owner of New World Green Bay. Jamie and his team helped out by picking and packing the items for the food parcels - so that they were ready for us to collect and deliver - this made the whole shopping process safe and with minimal contact. **THANK YOU**



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

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

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

We have recently made contact with Presbyterian Support who will be providing us with food parcels this week.

IF YOU NEED HELP - email confidentially to manaakitanga@oaklynn.school.nz or reach out to your teacher or someone else you know at Oaklynn. We are here to help you.

Stay home, stay safe, be kind and kia kaha

Ngā mihi nui

Louise Doyle,

Principal



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Kia ora whānau,

The free COVID-19 vaccination is ready for disabled people and their carers

Great news! You can now book your COVID-19 vaccine at one of our two Drive through Vaccination Centres.

To book your drive-through appointment online:

1. Go to bookmyvaccine.nz
 2. When prompted, enter the code **B9OJSSPZEB** (this code is just for drive-through sites)
 3. Choose which drive-through site you would like (you can input any suburb when requested)
- **Airport Park and Ride:** Open 8.30am – 3.30pm (Open 7 days until Tuesday 7 September) On Verissimo Drive near the airport
[View a map of Airport Park and Ride](#)
 - **The Trusts Arena:** Open 8.30am - 3.30pm (Open 7 days until Tuesday 7 September)
65-67 Central Park Drive, Henderson, Auckland
[View on Google Maps](#)

We recommend that you print out this letter and bring it with you. Please also bring your NHI number for any passengers being vaccinated (you can find it by following this [advice](#)), wear masks and clothing that allows our team to get to the upper arm easily.

There must be at least two people in each car, ideally four people. You can bring people in your bubble aged 12 and over. Each passenger will get their vaccination in the arm closest to the window, which means if anyone isn't near a window, they may not be able to be vaccinated.

There may be a wait, but we'll try to get you through as quickly as possible (it may pay to bring water and snacks). You'll need to wait for 20 minutes after your vaccination for observation.

Please come at the time you selected – you don't need to turn up early. We suggest you request to use the Family lane when you arrive on the day.

Alternatively you can call to book a drive through appointment:

1. Call the COVID-19 Vaccination Helpline on 0800 28 29 26 and reference the **above code when making your booking.**

Please don't share this email or this unique access code. Getting the free COVID-19 vaccination will help to protect you, your whānau and your community from COVID-19. If you need help with your booking or have questions about the vaccine, please call the COVID-19 Vaccination Healthline on 0800 28 29 26 between 8:00am - 8:00pm, 7 days or email

NRHCCVAXENQUIRIES@adhb.govt.nz.

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In some cases, people may be unable to leave their home to have a vaccination. In these cases, please contact the Vaccination Helpline on **0800 28 29 26** or NRHCCVAXENQUIRIES@adhb.govt.nz to register your details. We are still exploring the best way to reach out to this vulnerable sector of the community.

Check out <https://immunisation.northernregion.health.nz/> for more details on the COVID-19 vaccine and what to expect and how to prepare for the drive-through experience.

Thank you for helping to protect your whānau, aiga, community and the country from COVID-19. The more people who are vaccinated, the greater our protection as a community.

Ngā mihi

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