

Auckland regional flooding - Update for Oaklynn School Tuesday 31st January 2023

Kia ora tatou Oaklynn whānau,

As you have seen in the media, schools and ECE centres will be closed for the rest of this week. This is due to the bad weather that is forecast and the need to have as many people as possible off the roads.

This will also impact the start of the year for Oaklynn. **We will NOT be opening school on Tuesday 7th February as planned.**

We have not been able to complete our usual start of year obligations that were planned for this week, because of these reasons:

- we have not had the opportunity to meet as a whole staff for our usual call back day
- teachers will not have been able to get into classes to set up for the return of students
- there has been some damage in some classes that still needs to be managed
- there have been several staff who have been affected badly by the recent flooding.

We are having a **Staff Only Day on Tuesday 7th February**
School will be closed for all students.

The Staff Only Day will give teams a chance to come together to plan and set up for Wednesday 8th February when school will reopen.

We appreciate that this is an unexpected inconvenience so we will take this day in lieu of our planned Staff Only Day on Friday 10th March - so that ākongā do not miss a day of instruction.

As we are expecting further bad weather today it is possible that this plan may change in response to further issues in Auckland.

We trust you are well and safe - we hope you have not been impacted by the recent flooding events. If you are having difficulties please contact:

<https://www.workandincome.govt.nz/about-work-and-income/news/2023/auckland-region-flooding.html>

Thank you for your support and patience, keep safe and dry,

Ngā mihi mahana
Louise Doyle
Principal
Oaklynn School.