



Principal's Update Friday 28 August 2020

Kia Ora our school community

Hold onto what is constant – your faith in Christ, your family and your connection with great friends.

School resumes at Level 2 Monday August 31, check start times under your campus section. We know that Level 2 continues (subject to reviews), until Sunday 6 September.

Alert Level 2

“We are being ‘safe and sensible’. We will be calm, we won’t rush, we will operate with a deep and honouring respect and we will look after the most vulnerable.”

We understand that there are different opinions on the severity of COVID and how best to keep each other safe. We encourage a healthy approach ensuring that all staff and students feel physically and emotionally safe. So we encourage safe distancing amongst adults and older students as that is where the increased risk sits. With the younger students we aim to help them have a healthy perspective and to share their feelings and be kind and respectful to those who may feel differently at this time.

The booklet aims to give some information that is helpful for understanding all viruses and it has a positive and hopeful perspective. Our teaching staff are geared up to share positive hopeful messages while acknowledging there are many different experiences that different families even in our own community have been through over this time.

Details of school at Level 2

Public health requirements will be adhered to

- PPE is not required or recommended as necessary in any educational facility by the Public Health Service.
- We are displaying a QR Code poster at each campus
- Schools are not classified as gatherings and a range of events and activities can go ahead
- Wise and reasonable social distancing – students and staff should be far enough away from each other so that they are not breathing on or touching each other. There does not need to be a specific measurement but where practicable and reasonable. One metre can be used as a guide between adults.
Physical distancing is recommended for parents and caregivers, from people they don't know (to align with public health measures outside the school grounds).
- Hand sanitiser at entry to classrooms and in shared spaces. Soap, water and the ability to dry hands will be provided in bathrooms. Washing and drying hands with soap is still the most effective hygiene measure.
- Drinking fountains will be closed

- All surfaces will be disinfected and cleaned daily
- Students bring their own drink bottles
- No parents, visitors, couriers on site
- All staff will use the QR code and also manually sign in for all entries and exits
- No face to face assemblies
- If staff or students are sick, they are to stay home (phone Healthline or their GP and get tested if a doctor or health professional recommends doing so)
- School buildings will not be used by outside groups during Level 2
- Kelley Club will operate at Level 2: parents are to use the app and also sign in.
- Students do not need to wear face coverings because the risk of infection within the school environment is low. Public Health officials have advised that children under the age of 6 should not wear face coverings.
- Teachers do not need to wear face coverings at Alert Level 2. Distancing is practicable and reasonable.

GC Junior Years Students Restart

Golflands Campus Junior Years Teachers are looking forward to seeing you all on Monday.

At the start of the day:

- The main gates will open at 8:15am for JY students. Adults please maintain social distancing.
- Teachers will be in their high viz to welcome students. No parents onsite please.
- Groups of around 10 students will be moved into school at regular intervals to ease congestion around the entrance.
- Gates will close at 8:40am.

At the end of the day:

- 2:35pm Bus students will come down to get on buses.
- 2:40pm Y0-2 students will come down class by class to wait near the main gates and will move out to the road via the front steps when their parents arrive.
- 2:50pm Y3-4 students will come down class by class and will move out to the road via front steps directly.
- 3:00pm: Y5-6 students will come down class by class and move out to the road via the ramps and path near the staff room end.

Remember to avoid the moist breath zone, wash your hands and sanitize regularly throughout the day. Clean your iPad every day.

GC Middle Years Restart

We are looking forward to all our wonderful Middle Years students returning to school on Monday 31st August. Face to face teaching resumes on Monday. Teachers will be out and about in their Pink jackets welcoming you back to school.

Here are important Level 2 Health and Safety protocols:

Remember the moist breath zone- stay away from the moist breath zone of others and always wash your hands!

1. ALL **Y9 and 10 students** must enter and exit through **Montecito place**. PARENTS please arrange drop offs and pick-ups THAT DO NOT block residents' driveways. We would prefer students to be dropped along Bob Charles Drive or even at the Eve's Pantry parking and students walk the 300m to school.
2. **Y7 and Y8's** may ONLY **enter and exit through the Hall side gate**.
3. No Middle Years students enter or exit through the main admin area. The only exceptions are if you have to collect a younger sibling.
4. Bus students, cyclists, skateboarders use the hall side gate. Walk that way.
5. Bus students: you will be dismissed at 2:55 sharp (not a minute sooner). You must use the hall side gate walk **along the side of the car park** and exit through the little gate to go to your bus. Teachers will be there to guide you.
6. All other students get dismissed at 3:00pm NOT sooner.
7. The main entrance is out of bounds for Middle Years students.
8. As we are in wet weather season please remember your raincoat.
9. There will be no large assemblies- students will be in their tutor groups.
10. If you are sick please stay home.

Buses

From the MOE: "School transport is not included in the mandatory wearing of masks on public transport. We know who is on school transport and have good systems in place to identify potential close contacts, should there be a case. Students will also be staying away if they are unwell, vehicles will be sanitised after each school run and drivers have been asked to wear face masks".

From Kiwi Coaches: When do the school bus services resume?

Kiwi Coaches bus services will run to normal timetables on the **Monday 31st August 2020**. Kiwi Coaches School buses are a controlled environment where **immediate contact-tracing** can take place if required.
No card no entry on a bus.

What steps are you taking to keep kids safe?

Kiwi Coaches supply hand sanitizer for students and drivers to use on every journey, and increased cleaning and sanitization practices which we are encouraging all children to continuing using this. FOGGING of all buses to ensure we eliminate all bugs.

What happens if a student is visibly sick while on the bus?

If a student appears sick, the transport company will contact the school bus controller immediately.

Operations and Passenger Lists

Kiwi Coaches operates their own unique ID CARD SWIPE. (TAP & TAG system) - NO CARD - NO RIDE, which allows tracking of every passenger.

THIS IS THE KIWI COACHES BUBBLEVERY IMPORTANT - NO CARD – NO RIDE (TAP & TAG)

If you have any concerns in regards to your ID Swipe card please email our office: info@kiwicoaches.co.nz

Or if you feel you need to talk to someone direct, telephone office 09 6365232

Regards Katie and Calvin West

Sport

We are back into our sports trainings as of next week when we return to school. This will provide opportunity for students to be fully prepared for when competition starts as soon as the government lifts the gathering restrictions in Auckland.

Coaches and Managers are permitted to come on site provided they follow the health and safety guidelines.

Students moving between campuses for training and travel must sign in using the QR code provided and sanitise their hands before and after each training. This will be provided.

Parents must wait in their cars to pick up students after trainings.

If you are feeling unwell at all please do not attend.

Thanks very much. Looking forward to getting the ball rolling again!

Upcoming Giving and Aroha Service Opportunity – ‘Nappies for Glen Innes’

Each year we work with a truly amazing guy, Steve Farrelly to assist in even a small way with the phenomenal work he does in the more impoverished communities here in Auckland. So, when you visit the supermarket would you purchase a packet of disposable nappies for Steve’s work in Glen Innes? We will have a box in each campus on our return from lockdown and we would love to see these overflowing.

Once every year the Year 7s at GC make ginger beer. This year they made their bug and feed it every day for a whole week.



BUT due to covid-19 Level 3 restrictions the students couldn't bottle their ginger beer. OH NO!! Fear not, the Ginger Beer Bandit came to the rescue!!



The Ginger Beer Bandit!

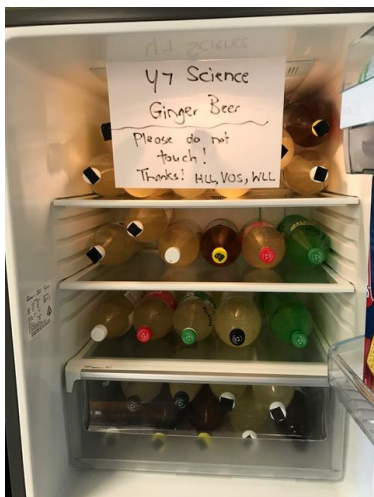
Saving the valuable Golden Ginger Beer Bugs from hunger and the perils of lockdown!

The Ginger Beer Bandit's Brewing Set coming soon to a store near you.

*Ginger Beer Bandit not included.

She and her buddies then bottled and bottled ginger beer all day. They ended up with 115 bottles of beer on the wall!!!

The ginger beer is ready to go home but the students are not ready to come to school. So, both the GC staffroom fridges are FULL of ginger beer. It will be there until we get out of Level 3.



Finally:

What God invites us to do... ***Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*** (1 Thess 5:16-18)

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever (1 Chron 16:34)

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Phil 4:6-7)

It was a big relief to hear we are moving back to Alert Level 2 on Monday. Thank you once more to our parents and caregivers for the support and resilience you have shown through Alert Level 3. We really look forward to seeing all our students back on site first thing Monday morning. Have a great weekend.

Lastly, a Tongan Proverb for you all.

'Oua lau e kafo kae lau e lava' – Stay positive and count your blessings

This proverb reminds us to be thankful for what we have and keep moving forward.

Much aroha

Nga mihi nui

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