



Kia Ora Elim community Malo 'etau lava

**Kia Orana, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Malo ni, Talofa, Fakatalofa atu, Mālō e lelei, Ni Sa Bula Vinaka, Talofa lava, Noa'ia, Mauri and Warm Pacific Greetings**

I start today to acknowledge and honour our Pacific Peoples once again. This Tongan Language Week, one of our amazing parents Mrs Sita Sulupe (Principal of Rise Up Academy) and her awesome husband Siosaia made a video for their school and shared it with us. Thank you so much Sita and Saia. We have shared your wise words and guiding words with our Pacific families.

As a school community, we stand with our Pacific Peoples in prayer during this lockdown which impacts everyone differently. Chhaya Narayan our Pacific Lead had the opportunity to attend a FONO last night that provided essential Covid-19 information for our Pacific communities.

Our youth have an exciting opportunity to connect with other Pacific youth through the Do Good Feel Good Movement. Details for connecting this and other information for our Pacific Peoples in the Pacific communities are included at the end of this email.

If you have any questions about your child's learning, please reach out to our staff who would be more than happy to connect with you.

## **1. Home Learning**

I also acknowledge here how difficult the home learning scenario is. and today we enter hopefully the final week of lockdown level 4...but it still is another week of challenges at home. I absolutely understand if there is chaos at times in your home and I implore you to not beat yourselves up if it just doesn't work or if it often doesn't work. Each age group has its challenges and no matter how hard you or our staff work, it simply isn't easy.

I want to assure you of the following:

**A. We will pick up what has been dropped:** already the NCEA timelines have been altered and our staff are managing this expertly and are closely tracking progress.

**B. We are preparing well for the transitions:** whether it be Y6 into Y7 or Y10s into Y11 - students will be superbly prepared. Our staff have excellent structures in place

**C. Never underestimate the value of incidental, 'just in time', life experience learning!** All Y1-9 students will have grown and benefited in this new landscape. Thank you, parents, for your encouragement.

**2. From our Board Chair Hayden Briscoe:** At our last board meeting some of our staff shared some amazing things they are doing with our students. It's about how learning is not just the content of what we learn, it's more about our attitude, our engagement, how to manage ourselves and being open to continue learning - something they called **learner agency**. I find this so true from my own experiences, and so relevant to what we do as parents. During this time, I have been working from home and my kids are regularly checking on me just in case I am available for school, lego, trampoline, a walk, skateboarding, basketball, reading or board games so I know our attention can be pulled in many directions. But what I have also found is that they are interested in what I do for work, they ask questions, they can see who I am talking to and what we are talking about. With bite-sized, regular

check-ins our kids can learn so much from being involved in what we do that it can engage their learner agency - even though I'm sure that's not what you think when your video call is interrupted by one of your children! Bless you- Hayden

### 3. COVID Vaccination Programme:

1. As a school we have had no directive or request from either MOE or MOH
2. We will not be allowing any student of any age to be vaccinated on our campuses during school time without parent permission but would direct that action back to parents.
3. Even now with students over 16 able to consent for themselves, we would still want this to be an agreement between child and parent.
4. It would be up to our Proprietors who own the campuses as to whether campuses were used on weekends for vaccinations. Similar to their use as polling booths. That decision is not ours to make.

### 4. Thinking Ahead for Alert Level 3: (More details to come when required)

At Alert Level 3, you legally must stay within your household bubble unless for essential personal movement including going to work and going to school. Schools are essentially closed at Alert Level 3 except for those few children whose parents and carers must go to work at Alert Level 3, and there is no appropriate caregiver at home.

Year 11 – 13 students are legally required to stay learning from home.

So when Auckland moves to Alert Level 3 at least one of our campuses will be open for a small number of children who need to attend. As you imagine it will not be school as we know it under Alert Level 2 or 1. All our usual safety precautions for Alert Level 3 will be in place which include following all the recommendations from the public health experts. This means we will regularly clean and disinfect high touch surfaces, encourage everyone to frequently wash their hands and cover their coughs and sneezes, and keep everyone physically distanced from others as much as possible (1 metre inside and two metres outside). We will also keep school bubbles to no more than 10 students. These bubbles will not mix with other bubbles.

Our contact tracing systems will be in place. No visitors or parents will be allowed on site and we will be limiting staff onsite with the majority of our team working from home.

You can assist everyone's safety by keeping your child at home if they are feeling unwell and please do contact your GP or Healthline, to seek advice about getting tested.

We will continue to support all children who remain learning from home, through our distance learning programme. Please keep your child at home if there is an appropriate carer available.

**Thought for the week:** *"The disruption we all faced in 2020 and again now in 2021 can lead to an interesting discovery: Life should not revolve around work. The reality of uncertainty and the certainty of mortality have hit many right between the eyes. Being forced to slow down can allow us to refocus on what is really important. And now something interesting is happening - many people who have been intentional about improving their quality of life (health, faith, relationships, personal goals, etc.) are seeing the quality of their work go up. When there is meaning in our life, there is meaning in our work."*

## For our Pacific Peoples

### Ministry for Pacific Peoples Auckland Region Zoom Fono Chat Notes

#### How to contact Work and Income

You can call us on 0800 559 009 to see how we can help

Our contact centre is running extended hours at the moment:

- Monday to Friday: 7:00am – 6:00pm  
Saturday: 8:00am – 5:00pm
- Sunday: 9:00am – 1:00pm.
- Please ask or let us know if you want to speak to us in another language.
- For our Auckland Pacific community only, you can also contact us by email on [Leo\\_Tanoa@msd.govt.nz](mailto:Leo_Tanoa@msd.govt.nz)

#### How we are operating in Auckland

Auckland, our service centres are closed to the public to keep people safe and stop the spread of COVID-19. If you have an appointment, we'll be in touch. We'll help you over the phone and through MyMSD where we can. For our Auckland Pacific community only, you can also contact us by email on [Leo\\_Tanoa@msd.govt.nz](mailto:Leo_Tanoa@msd.govt.nz)

#### Auckland Pacific Food Hubs

- The Fono 0800FONO4U (366 648)
- South Seas [www.southseas.org.nz/deltasupport](http://www.southseas.org.nz/deltasupport)
- Affirming Works 0800 023 3479

#### Help with food

- <https://www.workandincome.govt.nz/eligibility/urgent-costs/food.html>

#### Wage subsidy

- <https://www.workandincome.govt.nz/covid-19/wage-subsidy/index.html>

#### Support for Pasifika applying for the Wage Subsidy

- [https://msd.govt.nz/documents/about-msd-and-our-work/newsroom/covid-19/pasifika-wage-subsidy\\_flyer.pdf](https://msd.govt.nz/documents/about-msd-and-our-work/newsroom/covid-19/pasifika-wage-subsidy_flyer.pdf)

#### Whanau Ora Food & Utilities Support Partners:

For a list of details on our regional Food & Utilities support partners please visit us at <http://pasifikafutures.co.nz/covid-19-support-packages/>

- or alternatively you can ring 0800 890 110.
- If you have any other questions, please reach out to us at [craig@pasifikafutures.co.nz](mailto:craig@pasifikafutures.co.nz) or [malcolm@pasifikafutures.co.nz](mailto:malcolm@pasifikafutures.co.nz) for Auckland enquiries.

#### Delta Emergency Food Support

If you are in need of food support, please register below OR give us a call at 027 381 2317, link to website: <https://www.southseas.org.nz/>

If you contact our team on [Leo\\_tanoa@msd.govt.nz](mailto:Leo_tanoa@msd.govt.nz) they will be able to assist you with any questions that you may have about the resurgence payments. You can find out more information about the payment at: <https://www.ird.govt.nz/covid-19/business-and-organisations/resurgence-support-payment>

### **Financial Assistance**

For our church ministers and congregation members, if they have lost their job or can't work at the moment then they may be able to get a benefit or some other financial help. We may be able to help even if they are working.

We may be able to help with:

- food costs, accommodation costs, power, gas, heating or water bills, medical and

dental costs Get in touch to see how Work and Income can help (0800 559 009) or email

[Leo\\_Tanoa@msd.govt.nz](mailto:Leo_Tanoa@msd.govt.nz)

### **Ministry for Pacific Peoples Auckland Region Zoom Fono Chat Notes**

#### **Wage Subsidy**

If a Church is registered as a:

- a registered charity (incorporated under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908 and registered under the Charities Act 2005, or registered under the Charities Act 2005)
- an incorporated society (incorporated under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908)
- a non-government organisation, post settlement governance entity or, under specified circumstances, a commonly-owned group

then the church may be able to apply for the Wage Subsidy on behalf of their church minister – this is subject of course to the church meeting all the other WS eligibility criteria.

#### **MIQ Support info**

- <https://www.miq.govt.nz/preview/39c2e833beb1a090/60ca7006a861ed77>

#### **Tongan Vaccination**

Kolo Tonga - Free Wesleyan church of Tonga Api ko Tuingapapai, 143 Favona Road, Favona, Manukau 2024 Tongan Vaccination Hub - 9th, 10th, 11th of September 8.30am

#### **Transportation**

Talofa, Ruanna here from Methodist Church of NZ Sinoti Samoa. We have completed a pilot programme in partnership with Super Shuttle, Kiwi Can Do and The Skills Org. Free transportation for Pasifika families in their bubbles to vaccination sites. Please text me your details 0278086604 if keen to partner and learn more. Faafetai lava. Ruanna

further comms:

#### **The Cause Collective - Youth Projects**

Do Good Feel Good Youth Movement (DGFG)

Chillion Sanerivi - Youth Innovation Manager

email: [chillion.s@thecausecollective.org.nz](mailto:chillion.s@thecausecollective.org.nz)

Connection and support for young people led by young people

#### **The Cause Collective - Church Ministers Group**

Rev. Sam Lafolua - Lead Systems Innovator

email: [sam.l@thecausecollective.org.nz](mailto:sam.l@thecausecollective.org.nz)

## **The Cause Collective One Love South Auckland Neighbourhoods**

Tofilau Yolande Ah Chong - Neighbourhood Lead

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Neighbourhood connection and support

### **The Cause Collective**

- Lui Po'e - Chief of Operations
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- Sandra Kailahi
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- website: [www.thecausecollective.org.nz](http://www.thecausecollective.org.nz)
- 13 Ronwood Ave, Manukau, Auckland 2104

email: [info@thecausecollective.org.nz](mailto:info@thecausecollective.org.nz) - feel free to send through any questions or enquiries to this email address

### **Helen Tua here from power company Mercury or GLOBUG.**

Please if you have any families who are struggling with their power bills or who are disconnected and they need advice or support, please contact me directly [Helen.Tua@mercury.co.nz](mailto:Helen.Tua@mercury.co.nz) or 0272404922. Fa'afetai lava.

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*Nga mihi*

*Regards*

*Murray*

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