

Ross Intermediate School

TE KURA WAENGA O ROSS

Ross Intermediate School - Term 1 Lockdown Update

Monday 30 March 2020

Kia ora whānau,

I trust that you are all safe and well as we enter Day 5 of our nationwide lockdown. If your experience is anything like mine then you will be starting to feel a bit trapped at home. Still thankfully I have a long list of jobs that I can try to get through around the house.

Let me also thank on behalf of our school community those of you who are continuing to work in our essential services. This must be a very trying time for you all as you navigate this with your whānau, please know you are in our thoughts.

Today is effectively the first day of the school holidays which will run for the next two weeks. We then will be in touch with you on Tuesday 14 April for online learning to commence from Wednesday 15 April. Some communications indicated Tuesday 14 April however this is considered a public holiday in education as a follow on from Easter and while teachers will be working still we need to acknowledge from an employment perspective that this is the case.

With increased use on devices at home please remember to keep on top of the online activities your child is engaging with. One app we are enjoying here at my home is House Party, which allows you to video chat with friends and family and interact in online games. Make sure your children know who they are communicating with at all times and we reiterate the importance of having devices and wifi in public spaces in your home.

Our Board meeting will be taking place via video conferencing (not House Party, LOL) tomorrow, Tuesday 31 March. As this is a public Meeting if you wish to attend then please email principal@rossintermediate.school.nz and we will arrange for the link to be shared with you.

Finally we will be emailing students today as well to keep them updated and invite them to share any fun videos or photos of how they are keeping entertained, chat with them if you do not want these shared with us please.

We will not bombard you with updates, I will email another update next Monday and remember if you have any questions about the remainder of the lockdown and how it impacts your child then submit this via the online form at the following link:

[CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT A QUESTION](#)

Keep safe everyone.

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Sent on behalf of **Wayne Jenkins**

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