



25th March 2020

Dear whānau,

*With yesterday's announcement by the Government, we are implementing with urgency our plan to support your child's learning from home. We appreciate this is a sudden and significant change, and will be heavily disruptive to many people in our community.*

*For all children, we will be supporting their learning from your home in the following ways:*

- *through online learning, which will be links to websites that supports learning through activities*
- *provision of a learning pack*
- *You can contact teachers through email if you have any questions about the learning that has been provided;*

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- *Parents and caregivers can contact the school via email [principal@hauturu.school.nz](mailto:principal@hauturu.school.nz) or phone the school number 07 8710627 and leave a message and Whaea Sue will get back to you.*

*If you need to have your child cared for by someone else you will need to identify that person or people as part of your self-isolated group. This will need to be done by midnight Wednesday and the group must remain the same for the whole 4 week period. The caregiver's own group (eg, their partner and children), your child and your own group (eg, your parents and other children) become one group. This group needs to be limited to minimise any risk of spread and should be no more than 20 people.*

*Your child will be looking to you for guidance about this decision. Parents, caregivers, whānau and teachers will have a particularly important part to play in reassuring children at this time. If you haven't already done so, you may wish to read the information put together by the Ministry of Education to support your conversations with your children – [Talking to children about COVID-19](#)*

*As noted by the Prime Minister these restrictions are our best chance to slow the virus in New Zealand and to save lives. We all have a clear role here to slow the spread of COVID-19.*

*The school holiday dates have been changed to include the 4 week period. School holidays will begin from Monday 30th to Tuesday 14 April (a reminder that the Tuesday after Easter Monday is always closed for schools). Please note the instruction to stay home (Alert level 4) will continue beyond the school holiday period. We encourage you to check the school website; <http://www.hauturu.school.nz/> for new communications after the holidays. There will be links added for new learning.*

*Please take care and we look forward to being back at school and in normal routines as soon as we are allowed.*

*Ngā mihi*

*Whaea Sue, Whaea Huti, Matua James, Whaea Shelley, Whaea Rachael.*