

Special Newsletter

Tuesday 14th April 2020

Good morning!

A lot of you will have seen a lot of different messages in the media over the last few days about what is happening with schools. There is a lot of misinformation out there as well so it seemed a good idea to put out this newsletter to let people know what is happening at MPS.

There has been no decision made yet about when schools will reopen for full classes of students. That decision will be made by the Ministry of Education sometime after the 20th of April.

The very earliest that some schools could reopen will be the 29th of April but this will not necessarily involve all students. At Alert Level 3, we would need to ensure that students remain 2 metres apart from each other which would be almost impossible for younger students!

I asked all teachers at MPS to contact the families in their classes so that we could forward the information to the Ministry of Education about who needed devices for distance learning and had access to the internet. For those students who didn't have devices, I have ordered hard copy resource packs to be sent to your home addresses.

Term 2 starts on Wednesday. Class teachers will be contacting all their families then to let them know what will be happening for each class as far as distance learning is concerned. We are all learning about distance education at the same time so please be patient and understand that it will look different at different class levels and with different teachers. We are not allowed to go onto the school site at the moment to organise resources for this so we are having to largely rely on what we are getting from the Ministry of Education.

There will be plenty of notice given before schools are reopened. If you have any questions please email me at principal@masterton.school.nz

Regards

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