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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whānau

As was announced yesterday by the Prime Minister, Stratford Primary School is only open for essential workers children for today and tomorrow.

Tomorrow (Wednesday), school will officially close at 2.55pm.

The school holidays have been brought forward. They will start next Monday (30 March) until Tuesday 14 April (Easter Tuesday).

At the end of the school holidays, schools will be open for distance learning but not physically open for staff to work at the schools. Please note the instruction to stay home (Alert Level 4) will continue beyond the new school holiday period but schools will be technically open for distance instruction.

**Teachers will be working onsite.**

Teachers will be in contact with students and/or parents over the next two days to share online ideas either via email or Seesaw. From Monday teachers will be on holiday and focusing on their own families during this difficult time. Teachers will be in contact with students and/or parents just before the term starts again on Wednesday 15 April. Parents are asked not to contact teachers during the school holidays.

What happens if my children cannot access online: The Government are presently exploring all options for those families who do not have devices or online access at home. Parents will be informed once Stratford Primary School learns more from the Government.

The team have brainstormed ideas to help parents as we remain in Alert Level 4. They have suggested lots of ideas for parents on the Stratford Primary School website. Go to:

<https://stratfordprimary.school.nz/parentswanau/learning-at-home/>

Key ideas are:

- Love and care for each other
- Make a timetable with your family: Together time, alone time, learning time etc
- Parents working from home should allocate work time and kid time.

If parents have any questions before we close tomorrow at 2.55pm, please do not hesitate to call.

In the meantime, stay safe, support each other and keep connected to Stratford Primary School via the school facebook page, school app and website.

Kind regards

Jason Elder

Principal

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