

## A MESSAGE TO PARENTS/CAREGIVERS

Tēnā koutou ngā whānau



As you will all know by now we are still in Alert Level 4, so all students continue with their distance learning, but I really wanted to reassure whanau that whilst we want you to encourage your child/ren to complete the distant work, please don't worry and get hassled by this if they won't or you feel they are not doing enough. The most important thing is for them to engage with their classmates and form teachers via the google hangouts and to do the work/ play the games within these times. Hence the reason we insist that their cameras are turned on, so we appreciate your support in ensuring they do this. If they then don't follow through with their independent work in depth, let it be. It is more important that our kids are keeping a connection with their friends and teachers and doing that more than sitting down alone doing work for hours... YES a bit IS important but not full on. Encourage them to go outside, play in the garden, go for a walk, cook together, play board games, play cards and even talk! Yes! I know that's a hard one - what teenager readily does that right!?

So the gist of my message is this - you have a tough enough job as it is, especially if you are an essential worker too and have many other whānau to look after so don't fret! Don't beat yourself up... everything will be OK and when they get back to school they will be fine!

Kia pai te ra koutou! Have a good day everyone!

