

Kia ora Parents and Caregivers,

The news today was disappointing, but I think for all of us not completely unexpected. It's been a tough few weeks, but hopefully it won't be too long before businesses can start making plans to reopen to some degree at Level 3.

When we do move to Level 3, it will still be online learning at home for most students, however we will advise further when this becomes a reality.

This week would have been the start of Senior Exams, and we would also have been celebrating Māori Language Week as a school community. Instead, we will be participating in tomorrow's nation-wide "Take a moment for te reo Māori" organised by the Māori Language Movement. If you and your whānau would like to join in the celebration, you can find out more on the link below.

[Te Rangaihi Reo Māori | Māori Language Movement \(reomaori.co.nz\)](https://www.reomaori.co.nz)

Our Senior Leadership Team has decided we are going to have a Consolidation Day this Friday. What it means for students is that there will be no work set so they can choose what work they do, and how they use their time. It means no emails to teachers, so teachers also have a chance to get things done and prepare for a restful weekend.

Once again, I want to thank you for your support. I know how difficult it is for our students to maintain motivation for online learning and engagement week after week. Your role as parents and caregivers in encouraging participation and keeping spirits high is greatly valued. Bad days are to be expected, but if you have ongoing concerns about any aspect of your daughter's wellbeing, I do encourage to contact our counsellors for support and advice. They are a fantastic free resource for anyone within our school community, and have a wealth of resources at their fingertips. You can find their contact details on our website: <https://www.westlakegirls.school.nz/learning-enhancement/>

Stay safe within your bubble, and keep dreaming of that barista-made flat white!

Kindest regards

Jane Stanley
Principal