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Kia ora koutou katoa, nga Matua Whaea / Kaitoko / Whanau
Greetings to our parents / Caregivers/ Family

- **COVID 19 Update**

Taupo Intermediate School is following the best pandemic practice as guided by the Ministry of Education.

The Prime Minister announced today that the country has been raised to Level 3 and therefore we will see that all sectors will have reduced work force and a number of services will be reduced.

Our school will be closed for business as of tomorrow Tuesday 24th March 2020 for all students except for the children of parents and caregivers who are working in essential services.

Our school will make provision to provide limited schooling for those students

On Wednesday 25th March 2020 – ALL SCHOOLS WILL CLOSE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE WITH NO PROVISION FOR ONSITE LEARNING OR ATTENDANCE.

- With the closure, the students will access the information / learning on their OneNote under the heading of **“Remote Learning.”**
- Our school undertook a **“trial” of online learning** and our capacity to deliver, instructions issued on Friday and reviewed today. We believe that we will be able to deliver effective online learning for those who have internet access.
- **We will** endeavour to provide hard copies of learning, for students who do not have access to internet or devices.
- **All parent interviews will be postponed until further notice.**

Student well-being and hygiene continue to be a focus at Taupo Intermediate School but we also realize that you may not have all your questions answered by our emails and letters, so the Ministry of Health website continues to be the best source of information on Covid-19. Please ensure that you and your whanau continue to follow the guidelines with regards to awareness, vigilance and good hygiene practices.

I would like to add that we have as a school and community worked extremely well under the circumstances and we can be proud of our efforts and I want to give you all our very best wishes in being able to cope with this situation.

Remain strong and make good decisions so we can return to normal, look after each other and your wider whanau.

Follow the guidelines and refer only to the Ministry of Health and Education sites and not rely on Social media for accuracy of information.

Arohanui ki a kotou, he nui te aroha me te tautoko ki a kotou

He mihi nui

**Bill Clarke
Principal**