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Kia ora Parents and Whanau

In My Opinion

“Finish each day and be done with it. You have done what you could. Some blunders and absurdities no doubt crept in; forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day. You shall begin it serenely and with too high a spirit to be encumbered with your old nonsense.” — Ralph Waldo Emerson (May 25, 1803 – April 27, 1882) was an American essayist, [lecturer](#), [philosopher](#), and [poet](#) who led the [transcendentalist](#) movement of the mid-19th century. He was seen as a champion of [individualism](#) and a prescient critic of the countervailing pressures of society, and he disseminated his thoughts through dozens of published essays and more than 1,500 public lectures across the United States.

It has been one of those interesting weeks where at this time of the day I have finished, had enough and you must also be tired of receiving the copious emails and endless bulletins and reports on our television each day.

I crave for a descent programme on television and have resorted to watching, a lot of National Geographics, car rebuilding, the sport of boxing and good old westerns.

My favourite news channel is Al Jazeera as I begin to tire of watching the breakfast news on both channels as they ramble their way through absolute trivia when they should be out interviewing the people who are standing in the Food bank lines and asking why we have supposedly spend billions of dollars in the community and it seems to have missed getting to the most vulnerable in our society.

I did say and will repeat what I said many times let's stop congratulating ourselves so much on what we have done, as the work and recovery is going to be a hard and there will be a lot of our families who will need “proper help”

Take the decision to open up access to takeaways as it will only be a huge temptation for a lot of people to have that spend up and next week be looking for more support. It is NOT fair that we have done this to our people, and it will be our kids that will suffer the most especially those who will not have the money to spend at “McDs”

I want the butcher shops and the bread shops to be opened and for the supermarkets to get back to some realistic specials.

Judging by the number of students we are catering for next week onsite and getting feedback from our schools in this area it appears that not many of you support this decision to re-open schools next week.

However, I respect your decision and we will continue to work to provide for your children online and in some cases, we will be delivering hard copies of work to your homes.

To those who are sending your children to us next week thank you for trusting us. I can only say that we are doing this to help our people get back to work or into their own businesses and that we will take care of our students as best we can next week.

We appreciate you completing the Level 3 survey regarding your students returning to school next Wednesday the 29th. April 2020.

With this information we have now established an onsite roll of those students who will attend school and a roll for those who are offsite. These rolls will remain in force until the next review of the Covid 19 levels. You will not be allowed to change from one roll to the next.

As always, the care and wellbeing of our students and staff is paramount. In order to keep students and staff safe, we have worked on a thorough plan and have allocated students into a bubble that they will stay in for the duration of Level 3 lock-down. The parents and students are receiving emails directly.

During level 3 parents are not allowed to come into school grounds, if you have any issues you can contact us via email (admin@taupointermediate.co.nz) or phone (378 8097). If you must come to school, you must come into the office which has a “**one in and one out system**” operating.

There has been a lot of work to make sure school is safe, thank you for your support during this time. As you know this is a new experience for us, so we are asking for your time and patience with the systems we have put in place. We will review these daily to ensure our students are safe, happy and learning.

We appreciate all our teachers work who have committed to provide online and onsite learning. We also have teachers who are unable to be onsite for various reasons, but they will also continue to provide online learning from home.

The present situation and our roll will continue as is while level 3 alert is in place. If there is any change to levels, we will communicate with you.

Thanks for your support during this time.

Nga mihi nui

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