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Nga mihi ki a koutou nga koeke, matua, whanau, me nga tamariki toa o  
**Te Kura o Pukeroa Oruawhata - Rotorua Primary School** me te tangi hoki ki a ratou kua riro  
atu.

### **Karakia**

Tenei te ara ki runga  
Ko te ara o enei tipu  
Ko te ara o enei matua iwi  
Ko te ara o Ranginui e tu nei me Papatuanuku e takato nei  
Kia ra rau iho ra  
Nga tapuwae a tane  
Nana i toko te rangi ki runga  
Tenei te po  
Nau mai ki te Ao  
Tehei Mauri Ora

We trust that Term 2 and our distance learning programme has been a success for you so far. We know there will have been any number of challenges for you to deal with but we have been getting some awesome feedback about the learning that is happening and thank you for all your support.

Yesterday the Government decided that we will move into Alert Level 3 on 28 April. That means we will be open to receive students from the 29 April. We will start to prepare our school site from tomorrow.

**The key message for you is that if you can, you should keep your child/ren at home.**

You should only physically send your child/ren to school if you need to. If your child/ren has a health condition that means they are at a greater risk of a severe illness you must keep them at home. If your child/ren is sick please also ensure you keep them at home.

**In order to ensure the safety of those children and our staff who do come to school, we will be operating with strict enforcement of health and safety measures.**

We will contact you later this week to find out whether you can keep your child/ren learning from home, or need your child to attend in person.

The Ministry of Education has advised that they are working closely with the Ministry of Health to develop clear guidance that will support schools to safely re-open their premises to students and staff. This will help us work through the public health requirements that we all need to meet. **As you will be doing, we want to be sure that what we do will keep our community as safe as possible.**

For now, we will continue to support your child's learning by distance while we progress our planning for what Alert Level 3 will mean for you and for our school. We will be in touch again soon with more information. **Please continue to keep connecting with your teachers with any questions you might have.**

**Naku te rourou nau te rourou ka ora ai te iwi**  
With your basket and my basket the people will thrive

Kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui  
Ngā mihi

Fred Whata  
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