

# MENPS News

Te Whare Akoranga o Maungawhau, October 13, 2021

## COVID-19 Update

### From The Principal

Kia ora koutou,

As you know, the Government has announced that Auckland schools and kura will continue their teaching and learning by distance at the beginning of Term 4. This is not the news we were hoping for, and there is still some uncertainty about how long school and kura will need to remain closed for general face to face teaching.

Distance learning is set to re-commence from Monday 18 October. This morning, the Senior Leadership team and Team Leaders met to review and discuss our online learning programme. We have made some small adjustments as we strive to deliver the best possible learning for our students.

Assignments will be posted online from 3pm Sunday 17 October, ready for a 9am start on Monday. As previously, the MENPS Distance Learning materials will include reading, writing, maths, topics and other areas of the curriculum. The learning is designed to be as self-directed and self-paced as possible, and with a balance of 'online' and 'offline' activities.

To provide a little more structure, and assist those families who would like more guidance around learning tasks, each subject area will have **MUST DO** tasks and **CAN DO** tasks. Teachers will expect students to complete the **MUST DO** tasks - the **CAN DO** are optional. However, we do appreciate and understand that all families have their own commitments, pressures and preferred ways of working and encourage you to organise and implement the programme in a way and on a schedule that works for you.

Small group conferences will continue Monday to Friday and additional online sessions are scheduled, appropriate to different year levels. Please check your child's classroom schedule for details. We really value childrens' participation in these groups.

Not being able to return to school is disappointing and frustrating for us all. However, I am sure we are all united in our desire to ensure that our children are protected and kept safe.

We are directed by The Secretary of Education to comply with all directives issued by them. Under the current Alert Level these now include:

- all staff and workers who may have contact with children and students in schools and kura will be required to have a **first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine by 15 November and be fully vaccinated by 1 January 2022.**
- Everyone working in a school or kura in Auckland and other Alert Level 3 regions will be required to return a negative COVID-19 result ahead of returning physically to a school, regardless of vaccination status.
- All registered schools are required to maintain a register of the vaccination status of their staff.

We will continue to keep you updated as we receive more information and look forward to seeing everyone back safe and sound in the near future.

Ka kite anō au i a koutou

Maria Matene  
**Acting Principal**



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*Login • Check In • Schedule • Share Back • Celebrate*

## Getting Started with Distance Learning

Visit the link (directly below) to access the 'Home Learning' page on our website. Select the 'Click here to login to MENPS Distance Learning' button to be directed to the login page (we recommend bookmarking the page): <https://www.mteden.school.nz/copy-of-home-learning>

### 1. Login

Our distance learning materials are available via Google Classroom. To access this, simply enter the email login and password for your child's room (eg: [room2@mteden.school.nz](mailto:room2@mteden.school.nz)). This has been sent to you via email. (If a welcome screen opens asking if you are a teacher or a student, click student)

### 2. Check In

Once logged into the Google Classroom, click on 'Classwork', where the teacher's video clip

### 3. Set up a schedule

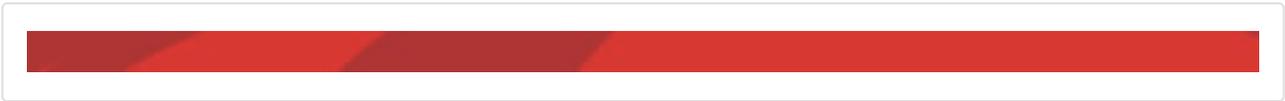
Go over the tasks and instructions, agree activities for the day and discuss any materials/resources that may be needed.

### 4. Share back

The programme includes some items the children are invited to share (these are colour coded in the programme notes). Documents, images and other files can be uploaded into the named folders in each Google Classroom.

### 5. Celebrate

Set aside some time for your child to share what they have achieved for the day. What did they enjoy? What did they find hard? What was easy? What are they most proud of? What are their goals for the next day?



## Level 3 Essential Worker Classroom Placement Request

As in previous Alert Level 3, children must be kept home from school. For those households in which all adults are required to work on site as essential workers and who have no other caregivers to call on, **please make sure that you fill out the form below** once again (even if you have done so before during previous alert levels) and wait for confirmation from us.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeRDoXmnzcNuF9-sth6Kdll1pTfrJdVBkViXfIEOUAJJTPR4Q/viewform>

## Events & Reminders

**Sunday 17 October:** Distance Learning materials available online

**Monday 18 October:** Distance Learning commences from 9am





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