



WAIMAUKU SCHOOL

OPENING DOORS TO LIFE'S JOURNEY

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

The tragic events in Christchurch last week have led us to believe that this is a timely moment to remind our parents and caregivers of what may happen in the unlikely event we ever needed to place our school in lockdown.

All staff and students have been trained by a specialist provider in how best to protect the children and to keep everyone at our school safe in the event of a lockdown occurrence. We would ask that you please assist us by noting the following important points;

1. We will make every effort to keep families notified of events as they unfold using whatever communication means we have available. The website will be our primary communication tool and then email. We may also use text messages or the Skool Loop app.
2. Do not come to the school or phone the school if we are in lockdown. All external doors will be locked and staff are trained not to open them for anyone, including parents. The phone lines need to be kept clear so we can communicate with the relevant emergency services. Your presence at school in an unfolding situation could endanger both yourself and our students.
3. Please ensure that all email addresses and phone numbers on our system are up to date so that we can communicate with you.

Please be assured that these events are extremely rare, we do however need to be prepared and thank you for your assistance with this.

Kind regards

Gary Pasfield