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Good afternoon whānau

The upper North Island now faces warnings of extreme weather with Tropical Cyclone Gabrielle, a severe category three storm, expected to bring strong wind, heavy rain (potentially 200-400 mm in places) and large swell. Consequently, states of emergency in Thames/Coromandel and Auckland have been extended.

Because of the fast-changing nature of this weather event, it is hard to know in advance the implications for our school and community. It will likely be Sunday/Monday, therefore, before we get further clarity about the storm's severity and any potential closure or impact on the school.

The Ministry of Education will also be monitoring the impact of the storm and, depending on how the situation unfolds, they could also consider a directive for schools to close across our region. Any such directive will be based on advice from emergency management services.

We encourage you to stay informed with news and weather reports. Here are some useful links in case of emergency:

Major Incidents – Auckland Emergency Management -

<https://www.aucklandemergencymanagement.org.nz/major-incident/flooding-2023>

National Emergency Management Agency – Civil Defence -

<https://www.civildefence.govt.nz/about/about-nema/>

We will keep you informed by email and meanwhile, stay safe.

Kia kaha.

Jane Hahn (Principal)

Steve Rewcastle (Board Chair)