



Wednesday 20th May 2020

Whakatauki o te marama

Tangata ako ana i te whare, te turanga ki te marae, tau ana

A person who is taught at home, will stand collected on the Marae

(A child who is given proper values at home and cherished within his/her family, will not only behave well amongst the family but also within society and throughout his/her life.)

Tēnā koutou katoa

He mihi maiohā ki a koutou katoa. Ahakoa ngā taumahatanga ki runga i ō koutou pokowhiwhi, he rawe, he harikoa te ngakau ki te kite i a koutou i te kura. Mā te kōrero pai, mā te katakata hoki, ka ora ai ngā tamariki katoa.

Welcome back to all our students and staff.

It is so great to see and hear our students sharing their experience with each other after a very challenging seven weeks at home during Level 3 and 4.

On Monday, we welcomed 58% of our students back to school, yesterday 70% and we are expecting this to increase over the coming days. We also held our first Google meeting assembly as a school which was very different, but an opportunity to look at other ways to address the school safely.

I spoke to students about what and why things have changed regarding the way we do things, to ensure we keep each other safe and well. Despite the excitement of all students, we must continue to work together as a school and community to do the right thing, all of the time.

We are working hard to make the return to school positive and affirming for all students and whānau as well as safe and happy.

We have been updating our whānau via our school facebook page on steps and measurements we have put in place to ensure all guidelines are adhered to.

What does Covid Level 2 mean and look like in our school?

Our main priority is safety and we are ensuring that the students, staff and visitors follow our Covid-19 Level 2 hygiene protocols and safe distancing :

- Parents are asked to keep any sick children at home. If a sick child comes to school, schools will send them home.
- Where possible, children, young people and staff should be far enough away from each other, so that they are not breathing on or touching each other.
- This must be accompanied with good hygiene practices and regular cleaning of commonly touched surfaces. There does not need to be a specific measurement, but where practicable 1 metre can be used as a guide, particularly between adults.
- Hand sanitiser at entry and exit to classrooms and in shared spaces. Soap, water and the ability to dry hands must be provided in bathrooms.
- Where practicable, ensure that children and young people regularly wash and dry hands, cough and sneeze into their elbow, and try to avoid touching their face.
- Each syndicate will be taking their breaks at different times to avoid large group gatherings. Each syndicate has been designated a specific playing area.
- Physical education classes and break time activities can include access to sports equipment which need to be disinfected before and after use.
- Playground is out of bounds until further notice.
- Any visitors & parents coming into the school buildings must first fill in the 'Contact Tracing Register' which is at the school office. Report there first!
- Walkers walking to school need to ensure they are 2m away from strangers.
- We are encouraging all students to bring their own drink bottles. Please make sure they are clearly named. Each class will be supplied with water bottles to drink (named) or fill

personal bottles. We have closed all school fountains until further notice.

- No face mask required - happy for students to wear their own face mask on parent request. According to MOH and MOE, coughing, sneezing into the elbow will be safe enough.
- Only students eligible to catch the bus will do so. Students that catch the bus are not to change buses for personal reasons. The bus you come on, is the bus you leave on. Students not eligible to catch the bus will be asked to organise their own transport. (Over crowded)
- No students to go to the dairy. Go straight home.
- Outside school students catching the bus in the morning and after school can sit under the sun shade while waiting by our main entrance.
- All class requirements and procedures on personal hygiene and safe distancing, applies to all Tech classes.



Practising Social Distancing



School Assembly through Google Meet (Rm 8)

Attendance

Some parents and whānau have indicated that they will be keeping the child at home until Level 1.

School is now open for instruction. We will not organise learning packs to go home as this adds to teachers' workload. We are encouraging all parents and whānau that all students are to return back to school. If your child has health issues or concerns please contact the school.

Updating information

Due to Covid-19 Level 4 Lockdown, there were a number of whānau that had changed addresses and cell phones. We would appreciate it if you could contact the main office to update your contact details.

Petricevich Motors

We now have permission from Petricevich Buses for ALL students to travel the bus, including ineligible students. We look forward to seeing ALL students soon.

School Photos

Due to Covid-19 Level 2 restrictions, we have postponed school photos until Thursday, 6th August.

Soccer update

Soccer is cancelled until further notice.

Food packs

We will be organising food packs to go out this Friday for all students. Watch this space.

AIMS Games

We have decided that Kaitaia Intermediate School will not be participating this year. This came down to the lock down taking away much needed fundraising time and training time.

Ministry of Education devices

All devices received during lockdown will need to be returned to school.

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