

Kia ora whanau

On Monday we return to on-site teaching and learning. In preparation I'm sending you the following updates, clarifications and guidelines. Thank you for your questions. I hope the following addresses the matters you have raised. If not, don't hesitate to get in touch.

Masks (This topic has a separate heading because of the particular interest that people have shown)

- From next week we recommend that staff and learners wear a mask while at school.
- We acknowledge that wearing a mask can be uncomfortable, and the attached 'tips sheet' should help.
- On Monday we will ensure those who are wearing masks are doing so safely and effectively.

More Level 2 Regulations everyone must follow:

- Do NOT come to school if you are sick or feel unwell. Be prepared to collect learners who become unwell at school. Please update contact details with the office where necessary.
- Hands should be cleaned with soap and water or hand sanitised on entry to classrooms or shared spaces. (Individuals NEED to have a personal supply of hand sanitiser).
- Use appropriate sneeze and cough etiquette.
- Maintain physical distancing protocol by staying further than the moist breath distance away from others.
- All school members NEED to bring a full water bottle daily as the communal fountains will NOT be available.

Further measures we are taking to help ensure safety

- High traffic areas will be cleaned more frequently, and desks will be wiped down on entry into classrooms.
- There will be no morning korero or assemblies for the rest of Term 3.
- There will be no shared eating environments.
- Meetings will only take place where/when peoples' wellbeing can be managed.
- We expect all school members to use the COVID tracing app when entering school at the beginning of the day.
- Any visitors, including parents and whanau, must sign in at the front office if they wish to enter the school grounds.

Buses

- Normal school bus services will resume on Monday 31 August.
- Wearing of masks is not required on school buses, but I do recommend their use.
- If however learners travel by public transport, they must wear masks.

Next Monday's program

- As previously mentioned, school will start at 9am for all learners on Monday due to an all staff meeting between 8.30 and 9am.
- After time with their Kaiarahi, learners will follow their normal Monday programme and finish at 3.15 pm.
- From Tuesday 1 September, the normal school hours of 8.40am to 3.15pm will resume.

Support

- We recognise this is a very difficult time for many and support will be available.
- Please get in touch with your child's Kaiarahi, Dean or our guidance team if extra support is needed.

The School Ball

- Our School Ball is scheduled for Saturday 26 September, and by then we hope we are at Alert Level 1 and the Ball will proceed.
- This plan will only change if we are required to do so because of public health regulations.
- Tickets will be on sale early next week from Learner Accounts.

Extracurricular

- Sports, cultural and performing art activities will continue where physical distancing and other guidelines allow.
- Watch the daily notices for information about specific activities.

Money paid for camps, etc

- Clearly, we will need to modify our school calendar for the remainder of the year.
- If families have paid for any camps or other activities that are not going ahead, there will be the option of a refund or a credit.

2021 Subject Choices

- From the afternoon of Wednesday 2 September, learners will be able to make the 2021 subject choices.
- This will be done via the online portal.

Enrolments for 2021

- The enrolment process for 2021 will be modified to become an online process, as we cannot run our usual enrolment

evenings under Alert Level 2.

- Details will be posted on our website and also go out to the primary schools by Monday 7 September.

There has been a lot to cover in this communication and if you've made it this far, thanks and well done.

As always, I want us to be able to look ahead with hope; and in the meantime to keep calm, stay safe, be kind – and take care!

Nga mihi nui, ka kite ano
(thank you, see you later)
James