

Kia ora to you all

A great deal has happened in the last few days with regards New Zealand's response to Covid-19. As much as possible, it will be business as usual with our core activity of teaching and learning. However, in the spirit of the containment measures announced by our Prime Minister on the weekend and in line with guidelines from the Secretary of Education today, Whangaparaoa College will take the following actions until the end of April. These may at any stage be modified as more instruction or guidelines come from the Ministry of Health or the Ministry of Education.

- Assemblies are cancelled
- Morning Korero (House level assemblies) are cancelled
- The Wellbeing and Resilience session on Tuesday night is postponed
- The Polyfest Showcase on Wednesday is postponed
- Year 8-13 Meet the Teacher is postponed at this stage
- Our school production (Clue) is postponed
- WGP's Got Talent is postponed
- Trips related to teaching and learning will be considered on a case by case basis
- Sports will be considered on a case by case basis
- School related travel out of Auckland by staff or learners will be cancelled
- Outside contractors, visitors and relief teachers will be asked to complete a health-check form at reception prior to being allowed into the school

We heard this afternoon that Polyfest has been cancelled.

We ask that normal health practices be maintained, namely;

- Sneezing etiquette
- Washing of hands and other personal hygiene
- Stay home if unwell and seek medical advice
- Drink plenty of water

At this challenging time, please ensure that we are aware of relevant situations relating to you and your household, eg, if you and/or anyone in your household has been asked to self-isolate.

We will continue to keep you updated, to be proactive, supportive and calm.

Thank you for your co-operation

James Thomas
Principal