



"Discover Your Talents"

Tirimoana School Newsletter

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This week's PB4L Focus: Showing Compassion "Diversity and Kindness"



This week PB4L lessons have focussed on fostering a culture of diversity and inclusion. Learners have been discussing what it means to have a compassionate mindset, accepting each other's unique differences and demonstrating kindness inside and outside the classroom. Parents might like to talk further with their child about ways to respectfully share and learn about differences.

He aha te aha? What's on top? - with Mr Kaiser.

Managing COVID in our school community It's around us; be careful but not alarmed!

Each day now we are receiving reports of families with close contacts to positive cases, with reports of positive cases in households and a small number of positive cases that have attended school recently.

School responds to notification of every reported close contact and confirmed positive cases based on the following information:

- the last day of attendance at school
- the date of first symptoms
- the date of any test
- whether the case was wearing a mask or not at school
- other cases in the family or household
- any other close contacts

In many cases children have not attended school for several days which reduces risk of infection to others. In some cases we are informed that the child has been at school as recently as the day before.



If everyone in a class is wearing a mask (classes in Years 4, 5, 6) then the Ministry of Education now advises schools that these adults and children are no longer deemed close contacts. Therefore if school receives a notification of a positive case of a person in Year 4-6 then only the person who is positive or is a close contact of a case at home, needs to isolate. The rest of the class may attend school.

In Junior classes, Year 0,1,2,3, children are not required to wear a mask and only a few do so. Therefore if a case is notified to us, then we are likely to recommend the whole class of students isolate and learn from home with distance teaching. We now recommend that our Junior teachers wear masks indoors.

School currently informs parents and whanau of notified cases in classes by email, app and in some cases, by phone. We do not share details about the individual cases for privacy reasons.

Positive Cases Across the School

Please note, in a school of over 610 students and more than 60 staff, we currently have a small number of cases reported. However this will change every day from now on, for the next few weeks. We currently know of 12 students from our school who are at home in households isolating due to being positive. Many of these have been at home for over a week and not at school. None of these are currently attending school.

Where are these positive cases in our school?

The latest information is that positive cases have been reported in the following classes: Room 2, Room 6, Room 7, Room 9, Room 13, Room 14, Room 15, Room 17, Room 19, Room 20, Room 21.

Our best advice is to be cautious and to stay home if unwell with any symptoms. Please notify school if your child tests positive. Be assured we do not share names of positive cases.

We also know that a seasonal non-COVID virus is circulating through school. This is normal for late February. I had one day off too, for a seasonal virus - not COVID! Parents will need to observe any symptoms carefully and wait to see if they develop into something more serious.

We advise, if your children are well and are not close contacts with cases, then they should be at school.

Moving to Phase 3 of the Covid Protection Framework at Red Level

Tonight the government moves the country to Phase 3 in recognition of the growing number of daily positive cases. We don't yet know what this means for schools. Most likely the Ministry of Education will inform schools this evening in a special Bulletin for Principals (usually around 6pm). We are aware there may be changes to the number of isolation days required and to what constitutes a close contact.

Updating your School App alert group to include your child's class.

Please ensure you have selected your child's year group **and** classroom number in your Alert subscription.

This is important if we need to communicate just with one class.



To select your alert subscription

Step 1: Click the icon at the top left hand corner of your School Apps home page

Step 2: Click Alert Subscriptions

Step 3: Tick the boxes for the groups that you would like to subscribe to: Year group and classroom for each of your children.



Kia ora and Welcome to
Tirimoana School



Amelia-Via Palmer - Year 1	Henry Guttenbeil-Year 3	Lex Cowie -Year 5
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If you can't make it on the day, you can visit our website www.waitematafc.org.nz to register for the season or for more info.



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