



Kia Ora Koutou Katoa

School is open tomorrow, Monday 23 March

You would have seen the latest developments shared by the Prime Minister, explaining the levels of response to Covid-19.

New guidelines have been released, using 4 levels of alert – currently we are at alert level 2. **This means schools remain open.**

We are aware that some children have conditions that may impact on their immune system and thank you for letting us know about your child's attendance choices.

We know Covid-19 feels scary and of course people are concerned for the wellbeing of our children. The best defence continues to be good hygiene practice and physical distancing. We are getting the most up to date advice and guidance so that we can confidently make informed decisions about the safety and wellbeing of our school community.

Prevention:

We continue the **focus on prevention**. As advised, the best preventative steps for any communicable disease include simple but important measures to practice as part of your daily routine, but especially during flu season:

- wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and dry thoroughly
- avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- avoid sharing anything that has come in contact with saliva, whether in your living or social environments
- stay home when you are sick and seek medical attention
- cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the rubbish
- get adequate sleep and eat well-balanced meals to ensure a healthy immune system

Bus Cancellation:

Unfortunately, Uzabus has had to cancel the Harbour Road school bus until further notice. The driver is over 70 and is required to go into self-isolation. At this stage they do not have a replacement driver. The Wainui Road bus is still running.

Drinking Fountains:

We will be closing off the drinking fountains at school until further notice. Please send a drink bottle with your child, they will be able to refill these during the day.

How you can help at home:

A reminder, Angela Gouk will be running a literacy workshop at 8.30am tomorrow and again at 5.00pm in the hall.

School App:

Currently there are a number of communication tools in use for the school. We have now set up a school app which you will be able to download and have access to school information on your phone. At this time we are needing to make sure we have a range of communication tools which are accessible to all families.



You can download the app by searching for SchoolAppsNZ.
This is the logo you need to be looking for.
Once you have downloaded this app you will be prompted to search for the School.



You will be asked to select groups you wish to receive alerts from. Select newsletter group to get the alert as items are loaded.

You will be able to notify the school of student absences via the app either by phone, email or text.

We really appreciate your continued support as we all work through this together. As the Prime Minister said "Stay strong, be kind".

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Cathryn Naera - Principal