

## **Kia Ora Koutou Katoa**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

Kia Ora Koutou Thank you all for your support and co-operation as we have worked through this unique situation. We have all had to adapt to changes in the way we live, and work and we are looking forward to being back at school on Monday.

All the staff have been back at school over the last two days preparing for the return to school on Monday. We are aware that some children may be anxious about returning and we will do our very best to support and encourage all the children.

Staff will be outside the office area on Monday, from 8.00am, to greet the children as they are dropped off at school. They will also bring the classes out, for pick up, at the end of the day.

You will be able to wait in the staff parking area for your children and then walk them to your vehicle. Please do not use the bus area to drop off or pick up from next week.

**Town Bus Transport:** Several children arrive and depart school on the public transport bus service, Bay Hopper. You need to be aware that this service will have less capacity than last term due to safety requirements that are in place. The bus can only transport a maximum of 18 passengers. You will need to make alternative arrangements as the bus company cannot guarantee transport of your child if they are already at capacity.

**Ministry Bus Transport:** Harbour Road and Wainui Road buses will be running again from Monday.

**School App:** The school app will have an added feature later today which will allow you to Check in and Check out of the school site, should you have to come onsite. This is to assist us to meet the requirements of tracking and tracing if a Covid-19 case were to arise. Instructions on how to use this feature of the app is attached. If you do not have the app loaded, please follow the instructions to have this added to your phone.

**New students to the school:** If your child is new to the school please come to the school office on Monday morning so that we can complete enrolment procedures and support the transition to a new school, or school for the first time. Please be sure to maintain social distancing as you may have to wait for staff to meet with you.

**Parking:** The Whakatane District Council and police will be monitoring traffic around school as we return next week. Please park safely for dropping off and picking up your children. Please be

aware that children will be using the crossing so keep your speed down and be prepared to stop. Thank you to those parents who are available to assist with the crossing in the morning. We appreciate your support with this.

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to next week.

Ngā mihi Cathryn Naera -  
Principal