

## Pānui 4 Covid-19 Update 21/03

E te whānau whānui tēnā koutou

The Covid-19 situation is continuing to develop and we are trying to respond just as quickly. This is pānui provides an update in regard to where we are at with our own programmes, processes and planning.

### Personal management

At this stage I am very happy with the implementation of the personal management protocols we have adopted.

Our tamariki are maintaining good hand washing practices and most are showing restraint in terms of physical contact.

Cleaning protocols for all areas are being maintained by kaiako.

### Kura Management

- Thank you to all whānau who have notified us if they are in self isolation. We also appreciate the calls from whānau to remind us that their child suffers from hayfever or asthma - this is helpful.
- We have three staff who are affected by the announcements made on Saturday, they are presently working from home.
- Children who seem unwell with symptoms of coughing, high temperature or shortness of breath should stay home.
- We continue to ask whānau to be clear about the reason for student absences so that we can track student wellness and any needs of our kura community.
- The kura app and facebook are the best systems for communication, we need as many whānau as possible linked to these systems for communication purposes.
- Payments to kura - cash is very unhygienic whānau, so online payments for lunches etc are preferred, please check our website.

### Self Isolation management plans

The kura is presently developing plans and strategies to continue to provide for the educational needs of children who may be at home due to illness or self isolation. We intend to trial some of these strategies this week.

**HOWEVER, formal provision of online education programmes will not be provided until the Government instructs us to close down.**

- Whānau response to the internet and device survey has been relatively good - we still need as many whānau as possible to respond please.
- We recommend that whānau **DO NOT purchase** devices or internet or any other systems for use at home at this stage. Please allow the kura time to develop options to help whānau provide Ako ki te kāinga programmes. Once we have these options we will let everyone know the plans and options.
- Whānau of poumua students who would like to arrange collection of their child's chromebook can come into kura from 2pm onwards. Please text to let us know so that we have your child's chromebook ready.
- Wharekura students will be given as much support as possible to ensure NCEA assessments for this term have been completed.

In closing whānau, if your children are well they should continue to attend kura please. Kia manawanui whānau.

Nāku me āku mihi nui

Whāea Sophie