



West Park School

Te Kura O Papa Hauāuru

Every student matters, every moment counts.

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I hope this email finds you all somewhere warm and comfortable. It has certainly been a chilly start to the day.

It was wonderful to see staff and kids back at school this week. We did also have the families of approximately 65 kids elect to continue their distance learning from home. Subsequently we have established a structure to support those families and kids for the first two weeks as they ease back into a normal routine. The model we have established, although working well, cannot be sustained beyond two weeks with such a large number of students. Therefore, our distance learning programme is extremely unlikely to be on offer beyond the end of May.

Thank you to the enormous number of parents/ caregivers that are using our School App's Covid-19 registration function for registering entering and leaving the school grounds. Please continue to use the function when entering and leaving the school until further notice. A reminder that this includes entering the grounds, even if just waiting for your child on the netball court. If your phone doesn't have the function you are required to register at the school office.

Another reminder that a critical part of the level 2 requirements is that anyone who is self-isolating, sick, or has any symptoms of Covid-19, must stay away from school. Children who become sick during the day will need to be collected as soon as possible. Parents should get advice from their doctor or the Covid-19 medical advice Healthline (0800 358 5453) about whether testing is required.

Please note that there will not be a mid-year written report going out at the end of this term as had originally been planned. Instead, they are being replaced with extended parent/ teacher/ child interviews scheduled during the last two weeks of this term. Exact dates and times will be communicated in the coming weeks. The interviews will provide an opportunity to, discuss progress, concerns, acknowledge achievements, and, ask any questions.

As mentioned in an earlier communication, the planned Staff Only day for the 29th of May has been cancelled.

One final thanks to you all for your support and the efforts being put in to helping keep all our kids and community safe.

Kind regards

Luis Echegaray
Principal