



7 September 2021

Dear Parents/Caregivers and Whānau

Thank you for your on-going understanding and support of our school as we have worked through the process of returning to school. We will be very pleased to welcome back all of our students on Thursday morning at 8:40am. School hours will be the same as usual, but we ask for your support with the following:

1. If your child has a school device at home, please make sure it is returned to the school office in the bag or box it was delivered in on Thursday morning.
2. Our canteen will not be in operation this week. All students must bring their own food from home.
3. We will not have our drinking fountains available until Level 1. Therefore, please make sure your child has sufficient water to last all day – please, no “energy” or fizzy drinks.
4. Masks are optional. If children wish to wear a mask at school that is perfectly fine. Please make sure your child knows how to wear a mask safely.
5. We will reinforce safe and hygienic practices.
6. Your help in keeping your child home if they are unwell is most appreciated.
7. All school bus transport continues to work as usual.
8. All visitors to the school must wear a mask and must sign in at the office – this includes if you collect your child from school or drop them off in the morning and come onto our school site.
9. We will be doing our best to keep to our bubbles whilst at school. We are hoping that some sports may be available, and that we can still visit off school sites as appropriate. As always you will be fully notified if this should happen.
10. If your child is currently doing Foods as part of their Technology programme, could we please ask them to bring an apron from home. This will assist us tremendously.

Many of you will be wondering about the Year 8 trip to Wellington. We are still in the process of gathering information about operating at Level 2, and what might happen if we need to change levels. Obviously, we want to make the best decision based on the best information we can find. We will be in touch as soon as our decision is made.

Our school will continue to do all we can to keep ourselves and your children safe. I ask for your support in this. Any discussions at school concerning Covid and the associated developments will be based on the recommendations from both the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education. It is important that, as a school, we support the community response to this deadly virus.

Once again, thank you for your support of our school. I look forward to welcoming your child back to school on Thursday.

Ngā mihi nui, kia kaha and very best wishes

Phil Tappenden
Principal