



Kia ora Whānau

With so much information (and misinformation!) regarding Covid 19, I wish to reassure you that **NO** cases have been confirmed at our school.

Our focus at school is making sure we offer the safest environment we can during this uncertain time. Second to that, we want our students and whānau to feel supported and cared for by sharing information quickly, and in as many ways, as we can.

We know that children may be feeling anxious and stressed. As adults, we can model calm responses and assure our students that those in charge are making the best decisions possible. Be conscious of your whānau's media 'diet'. If the global news is making you feel overwhelmed, turn it off and choose where you get your news updates from very carefully.

As a school, it is important that we act on the advice we receive from the Secretary for Education. We will be directed by them and the Ministry of Health. At this stage, there are no immediate plans to close schools. We are continuing with business as normal with some slight differences. These include;

- No assemblies including whole school singing
- No organised out of school sports
- No trips or visits to other places
- Children are drinking from their **own** water bottles or cups
- Extra soap and towels are available and good hygiene is being practised and reinforced by teachers.
- Extra circle time sessions to check in on student wellbeing
- Extra cleaning/sanitising is occurring by teachers and cleaning staff.

It is **vital** as a school community that we keep in touch with you. Please make sure that you are linked into either Bledisloe School Facebook page, the Skool Loop app and See-Saw. These digital options will be the way we will communicate with you about any changes or updates and will also be one way we support 'home learning' should this become necessary.

If you do not have access to a device, please let us know by ringing 844 2131 so that alternative communication can be organised for your family.

Keep in touch and support each other, this is a chance for our school community to put into practice the respect, responsibility and resilience that we talk about all the time. Our priority, as always, is your child's wellbeing.

Kind regards

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