



WHANAU COVID-19 UPDATE

Tuesday, 2 March 2021

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Kia ora e te whanau

I hope our community is doing as well as can be during this latest Alert Level 3 lockdown. As always, if you or your students need assistance, please contact their respective Kaipara (mentor).

With the COVID events that have disrupted the start of the 2021 school year, we have had to make some tough calls on events and activities that were scheduled for the remainder of this term and into Term 2. We appreciate that some of the information below may be disappointing, but we have carefully considered all events, with the priority being the amount of contact time our students have with their teachers. We apologise for the changes, but we are being as responsive as we possibly can.

For all accurate dates and school information, please refer to the school website and parent portal.

Stay safe. Be kind. People first.

Nga mihi

Steve McCracken
PRINCIPAL

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Explanation</i>
Meet & Greet evenings (all year levels) CANCELLED	Thursday, 4, 11 & 18th March	With the events of this week and the uncertainty of the weeks ahead, we are cancelling our Meet & Greet events. Instead, parents/caregivers will receive a video explanation of the key messages and an information handout at the Individual Education Meetings (IEMs), to be held at the end of Term 1 on 31 March and 1 April.
RYDA RESCHEDULED	Wednesday, 3rd March	This driver education programme has absolute relevance to our young people and has been rescheduled to Term 2.
Athletics Day CANCELLED	Friday, 5th March	We have made the tough decision to cancel the 2021 athletics event.
Year 9 Waka Trips CANCELLED	Tuesday, 9th & Thursday, 11th March	This is due to uncertainty around lockdown levels for next week. The learning that was to occur with these trips, will be incorporated into the learning programme during the usual school timetable.
Teacher Only Day CANCELLED	Wednesday, 7 April	This will return to a regular teaching and learning day to ensure students have as much face to face learning time as possible.
Festival of Learning (Year 9) REDESIGNED	Thursday, 15 April	This festival will now be rolled into the IEMs at the end of Term 1 where we will be supporting all students (not just Year 9) to lead their own celebration of learning through meetings with their kaiārahi and their parents/caregivers.