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Community Update: Kaipara College Omicron Uptick Response Plan

Kia ora e te whānau

Thank you for supporting your student and the school through the switch to learning from home over the last few days. Teachers and students have been working hard to maintain learning connections and momentum during our time teaching and learning from home. We know that learning at home is more difficult for many students and this step is only taken as a last resort when we can no longer staff the school to minimum health and safety requirements. We have reviewed our staffing levels and as a result I am pleased to inform you that Kaipara College will be in a position to **open again for face to face learning** next week from **Wednesday, 1 June 2022**. The normal timetable will proceed from that day.

Please note that the **Teacher Only Day** that was scheduled for **Friday, 3 June** is now **canceled** for Kaipara College and all students are expected to attend school on that day for a normal Friday timetable.

You are also reminded that **masks** are again **compulsory** at Kaipara College for all students and staff while working inside, unless a mask exemption has been granted. Please remind your student to wear a mask and bring a spare if possible. We will require to sight evidence of a mask exemption, so please ensure your student is able to provide proof of such an exemption. Current mask exemptions will be accepted until the end of Week 6 (Friday, 10 June) after which students will need to provide the updated personal exemption as per the Ministry of Health's new mask exemption process. These can be applied for from 31 May 2022 from the [Ministry of Health](#).

Until next Wednesday we are expecting students to continue to learn on-line, following their normal school timetable and **joining the Google Meets with their teachers that occur at the start of every lesson**. We have noticed that some of our students are not joining their on-line Google Meets. It is important they do join these Meets because that is when the teaching occurs and the students' questions can be answered. Please check with your student to see if they are connecting on-line. Text messages for absent students are also sent to parents and caregivers. Please contact the school in the usual way to let us know if your student is unwell and unable to engage in learning from home. Thanks for your support with this and helping your student to engage fully in their on-line learning.

Some other things to note for our return to face to face teaching and learning next week:

- Masks remain compulsory on the school buses. Please remind your student of this requirement
- If your student is unwell, please keep them at home and notify the school of their absence in the usual way
- We are expecting **all** students to return to face to face learning at school from next Wednesday. There is a direct link between attendance at school, achievement and success. To maximise your student's success it is important they attend school regularly, ready to learn.

Our focus as always is to support the learning, safety and wellbeing of our rangatahi and we continue to be here to support you as well.

Please don't hesitate to contact your student's whānau teacher, kaitiaki or me, if there is something you need assistance with.

Thank you for your ongoing understanding and support.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Sullivan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Cindy Sullivan
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