

Monday 22 February 2021

Dear Parents and Caregivers of Opaheke School

Kia ora koutou,

I would like to thank all of you for your support for the measures we were required to put in place at school for the short time under Level 2. Students came to school calm and well prepared, and parents showed kindness by restricting their access to the school.

Our move down to Alert Level 1 this week provides all of us with certainty that it is safe for all children to attend school. Today our attendance level was a respectable 91 percent, however, I do know that there were some children who were unable to attend school for various reasons. Now that we are back to level 1 it is important that all children, who are well, return to school. Every day of non-attendance are missed learning opportunities.

Your children's learning, health and wellbeing is important to us – and we look forward to seeing everyone back tomorrow. It will also be good for them to get back to a normal routine. Year 8 students will be excited about leaving for camp tomorrow and Year 7 students will challenge themselves with activities outside the classroom this week. We will once again return to our full school assemblies starting Monday next week along with team assemblies and events. Visitors and parents will be welcomed into the school. With gathering now allowed over 100 we have rescheduled our Family Fun Night for Thursday 4 March at 6pm. It will be great to see you all there.

I assure you we will continue to follow all appropriate health measures at school including maintaining cleaning practices and encouraging good hygiene standards. We also continue to remind people to stay home if they are unwell and seek medical advice. All gates except for the blocked gate near the pool will be open before and after school, but we do request parents sign in using the QR Code on the Covid-19 trace app.

Our full newsletter will be out on Wednesday this week.

See you all at Level 1 tomorrow.

Nga Mihi,



Sean Valvoi