

Tuesday 9 March 2021

Principal: Sean Valvoi

Dear Parents and Caregivers of Opaheke School

Kia ora koutou,

This short update is to keep you informed ahead of the newsletter due out tomorrow.

Thanks for your support

Many thanks to parents who are encouraging students to walk independently to class to keep close contacts between parents, and students and staff, to a minimum.

Thank you once more to our parents and caregivers for the support you have shown throughout Alert Level 3. Thanks also to those parents, who need to enter the school grounds through the gates, for scanning using the [NZ COVID Tracer App](#) or signing in. While we are at Level two this week parents should not be entering buildings unless permitted to do so.

The students have made a great start back to school, they are cheerful, calm and ready to learn. Thanks to parents for setting their children up well for school.

Attendance

Today we have 93% attendance which is very good given it is the second school day since lockdown. It tells me that parents have confidence in the school ensuring the students are safe and also the importance parents place on their children not missing more learning time.

Hygiene and face coverings

We have a large supply of hand sanitiser which the students will be required to use when entering and exiting the class. They are familiar with good cough and sneeze etiquette and parents will be keeping their children home if they are sick. If students present signs of illness while at school parents and caregivers will be contacted to collect their child(ren). We know that all the measures we have put in place will help to keep our community as safe as possible.

School Calendar

Unfortunately, we were forced to cancel Family Fun Night which was rescheduled to last Thursday. Instead, this year we will have a 'Meet and Greet' on Thursday 18 March in the hall from 5.30pm – 6.30pm. More details will be in the newsletter tomorrow.

School Councillors will do their pitches online to classes on Friday morning. It is important all applicants are at school on Friday. Student voting will take place straight afterwards.

Mrs Smit will keep parents informed of sports cancellations and postponement dates.

Please inform the office if any of your contact details have changes recently.

Ngā Mihi,



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