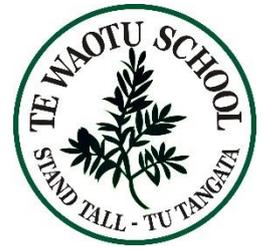


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19th March 2020

Dear Parents,

Response to COVID-19

Please take time to understand our response to COVID-19. If you have any questions or concerns then please contact the school.

Due to the risks and complexities involved in running a camp at this time, our senior camp trip to Auckland has been cancelled. No postponement date has been set.

We will honour assembly arrangements for this week, however we will not be holding our usual Friday assemblies beyond this week, until further notice. This has implications for the farewell assembly for Chris and we will keep you posted around our thoughts for this.

School trips to public areas are unlikely to continue. We were planning to take the children up Heteri Hill and to the urupa beyond this. The Board are happy to support this experience due to the location and since staff are able to manage this activity by themselves.

Both junior cricket and the rippa rugby competitions have been cancelled. Junior netball has also been cancelled. We have been asked to submit registrations for football and basketball however it is my personal belief that these sports will make a similar decision closer to the time.

Staff have met, and our pandemic plan shared with them. At this stage we are in a preventive mode. Teachers will take time to talk with children about hygiene habits. We are also investigating ways of establishing better hand washing routines. Further to this, I will be meeting with our cleaners to understand how they can support us.

Encourage attendance at school. Unless children are unwell, they should continue to attend school as these environments continue to be safe and the best place for them to continue their learning. If you have a child who is unwell, please keep them at home until fully recovered.

Please take time to understand a little about what we are dealing with and how you can prevent the spread of this:

- Cough or sneeze into your elbow or by covering your mouth and nose with tissues.
- Put used tissues in the bin or a bag immediately.
- Wash your hands with soap and water often (for at least 20 seconds).
- Try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell.
- Don't touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean.
- Avoid personal contact, such as kissing, sharing cups or food with sick people.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects, such as doorknobs.
- Stay home if you feel unwell.
- Call Healthline on 0800 358 5453 if you have any symptoms and have been to any countries of concern or have been in close contact with someone confirmed with COVID-19.

Thank you for your support.

Regards,

Ryves Hunt

Protect

yourself and others against

COVID-19

Cover your coughs or sneezes with tissues or your elbow



Put your used tissue in the rubbish bin or in a plastic bag



Wash and dry your hands often, especially after coughing or sneezing – use soap or hand sanitiser



Stay away from others if you're unwell



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