

Unite  
against  
COVID-19

# Newsletter

Thursday 13 August 2020



Kia ora and Greetings, We hope that this newsletter finds you and your whanau well.

## In the News Today

The news today has seen 13 new cases of COVID-19 identified in Tamaki Makaurau Auckland, including a student from Mt Albert Grammar School (MAGS).

Naturally, we wish these people a speedy and safe recovery. We also hope that their whanau and community wrap their support and aroha around them. Being made ill by a “very tricky virus” is not something that anyone would want, or that anyone deserves.

## Our Students

We have checked what contact, if any, of our students or staff would have had with students or staff from MAGS. We have only had one recent event where students from our school and MAGS were at the same place.

We had nine students at the Katti Programme (Year 13 Māori student leadership programme) on Wednesday last week. There were some students from MAGS there as well.

We have checked with MAGS and none of those students have the virus. So, it is almost impossible for our students to have caught the virus from this wananga.

## Symptoms?

If you or your child has any flu-like symptoms please contact your GP, or call Healthline on free phone number 0800 611 116. This is a free 24-hour service who can help.

It may just be the ordinary flu or head-cold, but better to be safe. 😊

## Essential Workers

There were no children of Essential Workers at school today. If you are an Essential Worker and you need your child to be at school tomorrow please phone or text me on 021 336 328 to arrange this.

## Planning Ahead

We have had several meetings today and completed some planning for next week. We looked at several different possibilities – including what we would do if lockdown was extended.

If the current Level 3 lockdown is extended, or a new Level 4 lockdown declared, we will be providing written work for all students in Years 9, 10, and 11.

Not every course (like Workshop Technology, practical Art, and P.E.) can be done in a workbook or online. But where it is possible we will prioritise on-line learning to students in Years 12 and 13, and some Year 11 students, especially those with external exams at the end of the year.

We will let you know what is happening soon after we all know what the Prime Minister or Dr Ashley Bloomfield decide.

## Tomorrow

Tomorrow we expect to learn what is going to happen after the midnight deadline. Hopefully tomorrow's news is good news, but regardless, I am confident in our Staff and our Board and I know we have a good plan.

Stay safe, look after your bubble. Arohanui,  
-Grant

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