

# CENTENNIAL PARK SCHOOL

“Live Truly”



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Level 2 Letter # 2

Kia ora e te Whānau,

## Continue with Distant Learning – for now

The sudden spike and increase in positive cases of Covid 19 in Te Kuiti is alarming enough for our community. There have been a few places of interest that have been identified which are locations a lot of our staff and whaanau regularly shop. At the moment, we have a number of staff away being tested or self-isolating. It takes some time for these results to return, meaning they are not at school and adding a lot of pressure for us to continue operating properly.

We are also aware of the main walking pathways to kura. Some of these pass homes of people that have either been identified as positive cases or are in isolation due to Covid 19. This also poses some element of potential risk for our tamariki.

We believe the increase in positive cases maybe the start of what possibly could widen in our school community and therefore potentially affecting even more staff and whaanau. The last thing we want is a positive case here at the kura where our tamariki are at risk.

After discussion with staff and to reduce the high amount of potential risk, ***we are therefore deciding on an effective approach by moving all teaching back to learning from home.*** The impact of this may affect a small number of whaanau that may not be able to manage having tamariki at home due to work commitments. Please contact us directly so we can work with you if this is the case.

We will monitor what is going on in our community and make a decision if students will return by next Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021

### To recap and confirm:

- ***Learning for all students will be from home effective from this Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November. This will continue and include Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021.***
- ***We will inform whaanau on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> if we are returning next week and this will be based on what positive case numbers are in our community and the possible risk to us all.***
- ***Staff will make sure tamariki have learning materials to continue with work from home.***

Thank you whaanau for all your support in working with our kura and in particular working with our kaiako, kaiawhina and kaimahi. These decisions are not easy to make but we thank you for your understanding and appreciate your support.

Staff will focus on keeping your tamariki engaged and hooked into learning. Our Kaiako, kaiawhina and kaimahi continue to do a great job of motivating and encouraging on a daily basis and your support with this has helped tremendously.

We are committed to navigate our way through these covid situations during these challenging times. We trust we are making the best decisions with your child's learning and wellbeing at the forefront.

A reminder to all whaanau, to get tested if you have flu like symptoms. Please continue to encourage your friends and whānau who are a little unsure about the vaccine to seek good information from health practitioners, so they can make a well-informed decision.

Please let us know if we can continue to help support you and your whānau through the next few weeks.

On behalf of our Staff, BOT and community, stay safe and stay well by looking after yourself as much as you can.

Ngā manaakitanga

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