

# CENTENNIAL PARK SCHOOL

“Live Truly”



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Level 2 Letter # 3

Kia ora e te Whānau, **Continue with Distant Learning: 30<sup>th</sup> Nov – 6<sup>th</sup> December**

The frightening number of positive cases of Covid 19 in our local community continues to grow and have an alarming impact on everyone and everything we do.

Last week, staff at Te Kura Rautau agreed on a decision to go back to distant learning at home. This week, we will need to do the same and continue learning from home as numbers of positive Covid-19 cases are still increasing. We make this decision with a heavy heart but with the safety and wellbeing of tamariki in mind and keeping them safe first and foremost. This decision also has an effect on our staff and ultimately our whaanau.

We are hopeful of a decrease and decline in Covid-19 numbers very soon. We will then be able to have students return to kura to countdown what remains of the school year. It is really frustrating for us all as we really enjoy having tamariki attend their kura.

We are counting down to Christmas and although there will be some unfortunate cancellations such as no town Christmas parade, we will embrace the positives and be thankful we are around family and friends – in a safe way.

Some of the projects and ideas for distant learning will have Christmas themes for a little fun. This is great as it will continue to hook tamariki in with learning and keep everyone engaged.

Many thanks whaanau for your continued support.

To recap on our decision:

- ***Tamariki and teaching staff will continue to be learning from home from Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov until next Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December.***
- ***Students will learn either online or with hardpack materials they have been supplied with.***
- ***This home learning will continue and be reviewed on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021.***

In the meantime:

**End of Year Reports** will be sent out once these are completed. This may end up being posted out to homes after school has finally finished for the year. The end of year report will outline how your child has worked through the online learning program as well as reflect on what little time they had during the year in class. We will be reporting on our Uara (School Values) and the main key competencies. Staff will report on elements of the curriculum where students have best met the challenges of learning.

We need to be updated: If you have changed addresses recently and not informed us, please let the school office know so we can either email or post a copy of the report to you.

**Counselling Support:** Our kura is the only Primary School in this area to be selected for a trial of the new in school free counselling service through the Ministry of Education and the advisory service of Skylight Services will be providing. The trial will last for 3 years and will mean whaanau and students are able to access this service at any time. A counsellor will visit our kura once a week starting this week. Mark Bramley is a trained Counsellor who will help with situations that are varied and not necessarily just cases that are extremely challenging. His background includes working in High Schools and Primary Schools. Our school website has a link to information of the many different services they provide. Anything from: [Please check it out and see what is available.](#)

**Upgrades currently happening at kura:**

- New LED lights indoors have been installed throughout the kura
- An upgrade of the heat pumps in Rooms 1 & 2 have been completed
- The alarms and lighting security outdoors are being upgraded this week
- The swimming pool has been resurfaced and repainted

Lots more to come...

Please let us know if and how we can help support you and your tamariki through the next couple of weeks as we count down to the end of the year.

On behalf of our Staff, BOT and community, please continue to stay safe and well.

Ngā manaakitanga

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