

CENTENNIAL PARK SCHOOL

“Live Truly”



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Kia ora e te Whānau,

Covid Level 3 - STEP 2

You are definitely not alone. We are all feeling ‘over it’ and wish we could all go back to the normal things we were used to doing before Covid 19. Unfortunately, these are very challenging times.

To put things into perspective, I was talking to an elderly person the other day who shared her views. “So what’s the difference to when the world wars were happening. There were restrictions and supply issues and a lack of good clear communication. We were told what you could do and what you couldn’t”. Let’s just hope the way we work our way through this Covid pandemic that it does not take us as long as those wars.

Thank you whaanau for all your support in working with our kaiako, kaiawhina and kaimahi to keep your tamariki engaged and hooked into learning. Our staff are doing a great job of motivating and encouraging on a daily basis and as you know, this can be very challenging as they are often working with tamariki that are in areas that can be distracting or limited.

All schools are waiting for an announcement from the Government and Ministry of Education about students returning back to kura under Level 3 Step 2. Monday November 15th is the date they had set for some sort of return.

We do not know at this stage if it will be for certain age groups only. We do not know if it will be for all students. We do not know if students will be returning to kura at all for the remaining 4 x weeks of the year.

We will be able to update you all on Thursday or Friday of this week so you know what is happening next week. Then we will be able to plan going forward.

Decisions about bringing tamariki and staff on-site will be done in accordance with strict public health guidance. We will need to wait for exactly what this will look like from the update over the next day or two.

It is now mandatory (which means it has to be done) to have all staff working with tamariki to be vaccinated. At Te Kura Rautau, we will have all staff that will be working with tamariki with at least one vaccination and in most cases fully vaccinated. All staff are required to be fully vaccinated by January 1st 2022. There is a sheet (matrix) explaining about how this will affect others such as contractors working in the kura. We will put a copy of this on our website at a later date.

In the meantime, with only one positive case in Te Kuiti, we all need to be careful and mindful of our movements and how do things. If you are unsure of your own health, please go have it checked out. Get tested if you have the flu like symptoms.

Please continue to encourage your friends and whānau who might be worried 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 help to support you and your whānau through the next couple of weeks whilst we are continuing with distant learning.

We'll be back in touch with you in the next few days.

Ngā manaakitanga

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