

# CENTENNIAL PARK SCHOOL

“Live Truly”



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TLS\* - Orange – Letter # 1

Kia ora e te Whānau, **Continue with Distant Learning: 7<sup>th</sup>–13<sup>th</sup> December**

As a kura, one of our key roles is to ensure the safety and welfare of all tamariki and staff. We are responsible and accountable so that they are not exposed to any possible harmful situations. Where we can, we try to minimize risk. When we can, we will try to eradicate possible risk.

I can image that most people are feeling really let down and annoyed by what is currently happening around our community with Covid 19 numbers now over 50 and for a small town like Te Kuiti, this is extremely sad news. *We will need all students to continue with learning from home.*

The word ‘frustrated’ describes where we are possibly at during this present time. Along with other words such as disappointed and upset, we feel for those directly affected due to positive covid cases in our community. A concern with this is the way close contacts can be affected which means self-isolating until results are returned some days later. Our kura is one of many that have been affected by this recently with delays in having testing results returned on time.

With this being said, we are very mindful of the need to remain positive and plan to celebrate the successes of the kura over the past year. The end of year assembly will be very different to previous years to ensure safety for all. Things are changing in our community every day.

Staff will be meeting tonight to construct a plan which may be able to see a select few students (if confirmed o.k. by parents) to be on site and the remaining students linked in via zoom for a live stream telecast of the final assembly for the year. But this is not yet confirmed. We will notify all whānau of the final decision so they can plan accordingly and be able to login if possible.

To recap on what is happening:

- ***Tamariki and teaching staff will continue to be learning from home from Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December until next Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December.***
- ***Students will continue to learn either online or with hardpack materials they have been supplied with.***
- ***A decision on how the final assembly presentations will be run next week will be notified to whānau by the middle of this week so they can plan accordingly.***

Many thanks whānau for your continued support. We hope you enjoyed the kai packs last week. On behalf of our Staff, BOT and community, please continue to stay safe and well.

Ngā manaakitanga

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\*TLS = Traffic Light System