



KIA ORA – GREETINGS

You may well have seen the app alert on Monday morning about cases of covid in our school.

Please do not be alarmed by this. The number currently remains very small.

It is only natural that as cases in our community increase, they will increase in our school.

It's great for a child's wellbeing and learning to be at school with their friends and school staff, and we have very good systems in place to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Your job remains the same, too: please continue to keep a really close watch of your whānau for anyone with symptoms. If unwell, please stay at home and get advice about getting a COVID-19 test.

Please get in touch with us as soon as you can if your child has tested positive for COVID-19.

The most important advice we can give to keep your whānau safe is to act as if you have COVID-19.

More than a third of people who have COVID-19 will not have any symptoms if they have had three doses of the vaccine. Please think about who you visit and what health measures you can put in place to keep everyone as safe as possible. Finally, we know how hard the impacts on COVID-19 have been for many families in New Zealand.

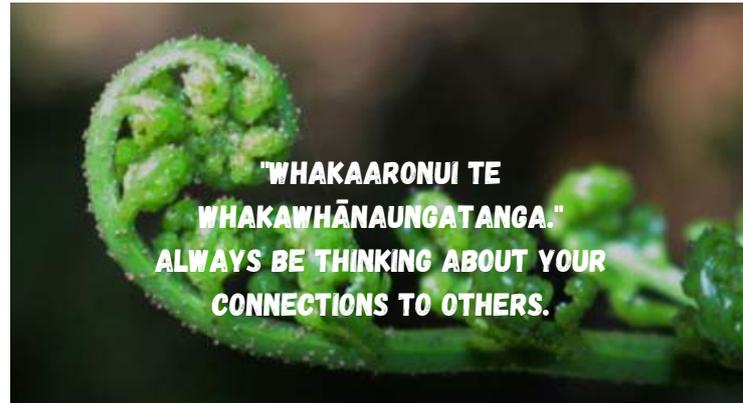
If you know of a family in our community who is struggling, please encourage them to reach out for support for example to access food, medicine, or access financial support: [Help is available – COVID-19 Health Hub](#).

If you have any concerns about sending your child to school, please do get in touch. We are here to help.



To our students:

We wish you happy days at Riverdale School
Frank, Sophie, Evie



Tryathlon training is well underway at school on Wednesdays and Fridays. This keen group is trying really hard to make the Interschool team while some are working on personal goals to get fit for various other sports they play. The Interschool Competition is on Wednesday 16 March.



RIPPA RUGBY 2022

Rippa training is underway at school during lunchtime for students wanting to represent Riverdale School at the Primary Rippa Competition.

We have 3 teams entering the tournament which will happen on Tuesday 5 April.

Household Contacts what you need to do



Do you live with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19?
Visit [Covid19.govt.nz/household](https://www.covid19.govt.nz/household) and follow these steps:

Stay home* and isolate for 10 days from the day the person with COVID-19 tests positive (Day 0). Try to avoid contact with them if you can.

Get tested on Day 3 and Day 10 (or sooner if you develop symptoms).

Tested negative? You still need to finish your 10 days of self-isolation.

Tested positive? You will need to start a new 10 days. Please follow the guidance on our website.

Did someone else in your house test positive? You don't need to restart your 10 days (unless you test positive).

[Covid19.govt.nz/positive](https://www.covid19.govt.nz/positive)

You can complete your self-isolation at the same time as the first person in your house who had COVID-19 if your Day 10 test is negative, and you have no new or worsening symptoms. Tino pai!

* Some people who are Household Contacts and critical workers may be able to still go to work through the Close Contact Exemption Scheme. See our website for more information.

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CLASS CELEBRATIONS

PAE AKE

It has been a fabulous first few weeks getting to know each other in Pae Ake and learning how everything works in our team!

We have had the opportunity to do lots of cooperative activities and opt in to many different workshops including: Science, Art, STEM and PE!

Check out our blog to see what we have been up to:
<https://sites.google.com/riverdale.school.nz/paeakeblog2022/home>



POUTAMA

Poutama has had a great start to the year. They love swimming and even though it is rather brisk first thing in the morning, it is wonderful to see so many children progressing with their swimming technique.

Friday Opt ins continue to be a favourite this year. The children have made harakeke (flax) fish, learnt to play the xylophone, learnt to code a Sphero and taken part in Stem Challenges. Please check out our blog to see what else we have been up to.



TERM DATES

Events also on the Parent Calendar via the School App and on the School Website;

WEEK FIVE TERM ONE

WEEK SIX TERM ONE

Wednesday 16 March Interschool Tryathlon

Term 1 ends Thursday 14 April 2021
Term 2 begins Monday 2 May 2022

KIND HEARTS

Helping around our school is a very important part of our Kind Hearts group. Who needs help? What can we do to help our school and community? A group of children helped our caretaker Rachel pile up the loose branches from around the school. We lost a lot of them in the storm a few weeks ago and the company is coming in to mulch up all the scraps. Helping Rachel saved her a lot of work. It gives us pride to make our school look great. *"I feel very good cause I like helping", "I feel proud that we helped", "I feel when I tell my mum about it she will say yay".* We also found a pile of rubbish hidden around the yard which we cleaned up as we went.

