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**SPECIAL NOTICE** 

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## SPECIAL NOTICE - COVID-19 RELATED

Kia ora koutou, Hi Everyone.

With so much information and misinformation swirling around about COVID-19, I wanted to share with you what will happen if we were to have a case in our school community. We have been planning for this and are in a position to respond quickly.

- As soon as a case is confirmed in our immediate school community (eg. a student, staff member, or member of their household), the Medical Officer of Health and Ministry of Education will inform me about this, and we will work together to get quick and clear messaging out to you
- If there was a case confirmed of someone in our school, we will likely be asked to close temporarily by the Medical Officer of Health. This will allow time for close contacts to be traced, appropriate testing to be undertaken, and a careful clean of the school to be undertaken.
- If our school does need to close temporarily, we have a plan in place to support student's learning.

We know COVID-19 feels scary and of course people are concerned for the wellbeing of our children. Please be assured that with no case confirmed in our school, your children are safe here.

Good hygiene is a priority at our school, and we are reinforcing this regularly with all students and staff. We know that practicing good hygiene is still the best thing we can all do to prevent illness.

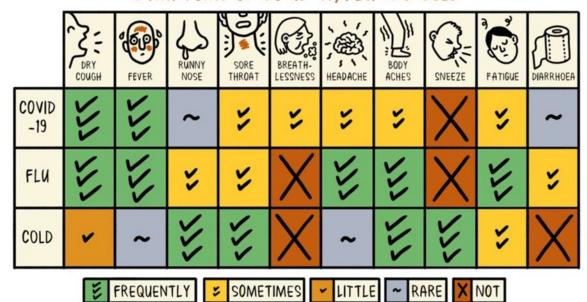
We are getting the most up to date advice and guidance so that we can confidently make informed decisions about the safety and wellbeing of our school community.

Please do not send your children to school if they are sick.

'Stay safe everyone'

Ross Harvey, *Principal* 

## SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19, FLU AND COLD



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## WATER FOUNTAINS

Water fountains will now be covered over and children will not be able to drink from them.

Therefore, please ensure your child brings their own drink bottle each day.

## **TOWN BUS**

The town bus is still operating, however, if numbers using it each day go below 10 then we may need to stop the run for economics sake. Parents will need to make private arrangements to get their child(ren) to and from school.

Please reply to this section (or paper copy) <u>PROMPTLY</u>.

We need to know what type of devices you have available at home, e.g. PC, laptop, i-pad
chrome book, etc. and whether you have internet access. We will be sending out Covid-
19 and school updates and maybe school work if we close so it would be great if every-
one could get these notices via email.
I have internet access Yes / No
I have a:- PC / i-pad / laptop / chrome book /
My email address(es) is:-