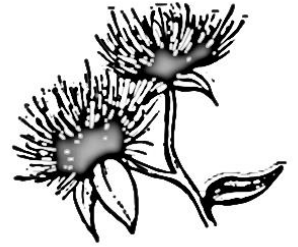


# Hororata Primary School

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## PRINCIPAL'S BULLETIN

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Tena koutou katoa, ko te tumanako kei te kaha koutou ki tenei rangi rerekee me te tino porangi o COVID. Greetings to you all, I hope you are coping with this unusual weather and of course the craziness of COVID. I am pleased to report that we do not currently have any active COVID cases amongst our students. We are aware of a few cases in our immediate community and applaud the people and families affected for their vigilance in getting tested and self-isolating.

In the staffroom, I have one staff member (Amanda Cullen) self-isolating as a close contact of someone in her household testing positive with COVID. She will be absent from school for the next ten days, while she isolates with her family and will be monitoring her health for any COVID symptoms.

In Ms Cullen's absence we will have a relief teacher (Linda Gosling) in Kakapo for the next ten days. I'm sure the combined expertise of them both, will deliver an exciting blend of onsite and online learning for all the tamariki.

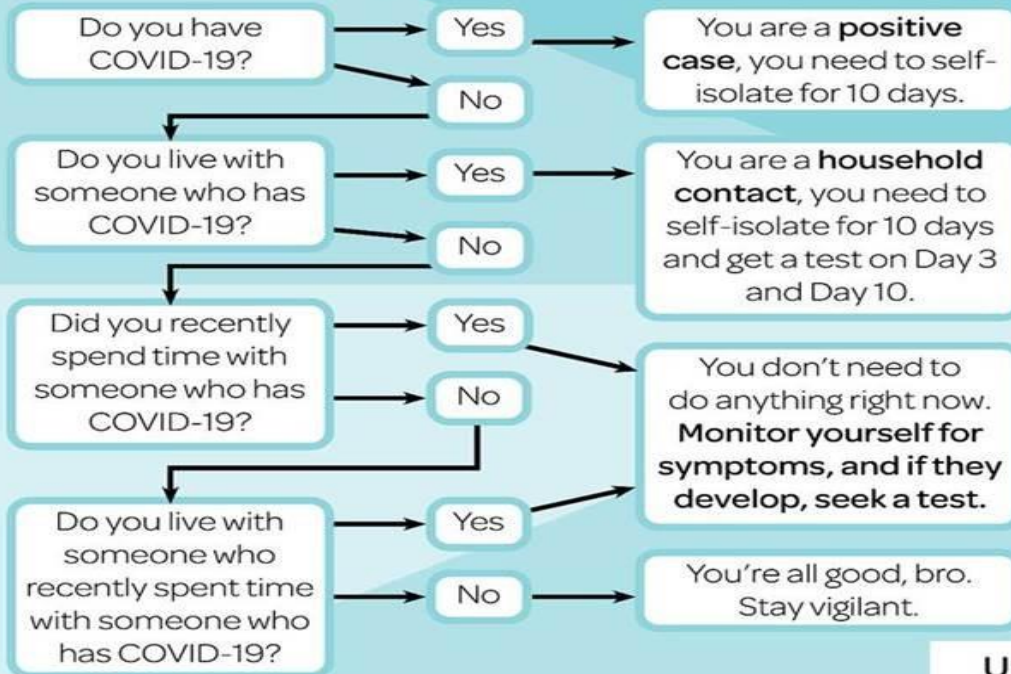
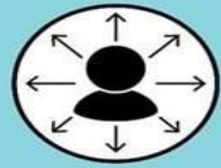
#### Public health measures to be taken in schools:

- Keeping our kids safe is a shared responsibility. Parents are asked to keep any **children who are unwell or displaying COVID symptoms at home.**
- **Face coverings (PPE)** are required for all staff and children in Years 4 – 13, when inside at school and whilst traveling on school buses. Bandanas and scarves are slowly creeping into our school; these do not provide the same level of protection as masks. If you do not have one of the approved masks, we have plenty here at school for your child to use.
- Children, young people and staff should be far enough away from each other so that they are not **breathing on or touching each other.**
- **Good hygiene practices** will be maintained, including encouraging children and young people to regularly wash and dry hands, cough and sneeze into their elbows, and try to avoid touching their face; regular cleaning of commonly touched surfaces and maintaining **good ventilation** in shared spaces.
- Supporting children, staff and whanau with information about **vaccinations; preparing for and/or dealing with COVID-19 cases in our school community.**
- **Visitor Management** information will be maintained to identify which children and adults are on site. All visitors to the school site must report to the school office on arrival.

As we await Omicron to sweep through our community, we are preparing the ground here at school for both onsite and online learning or in education speak 'Hybrid' learning. We have already activated the Work@Home Programme, for those families choosing to keep their tamariki home for peace of mind. This is available on the school website under the Work@Home tab and will be refreshed weekly by staff.

School remains a safe place for children and staff, as we have a number of proven health measures in place to keep us all safe. One of these measures is keeping **sick and unwell people away from school.** We're doing a pretty good job in this space so far. The new challenge parents face, is deciding when to isolate? Simply speaking, if your child is a close contact of someone living with you, who has COVID, they should isolate, if not they can and should come to school.... Check-out the following table to help you with this decision.

# What type of contact are you?



Te Kāwanatanga o Aotearoa  
New Zealand Government

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against  
COVID-19

## EMERGENCY INFORMATION

COVID-19 has served as a good reminder, to check that the school has up-to-date emergency contact information for you and your whanau. You can check this out, by either giving us a call or by downloading the enrolment form under the Enrolment tab on the school website; updating the info and sending it into school. Ask yourself... *'does the school have the right information, to make the right call and right time?'*

As always if any questions or concerns arise from this bulletin, please don't hesitate to reach out and we will do our best to support you.

Ngā mihi nui,

**Marty Gameson**

## POTENTIAL SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19



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