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Dear Parents & Caregivers

**Tēnā koutou te hunga pānui o tō tātou hāpori.
Ngā mihi mahana ki a koutou katoa**

It's now exactly two years since we went into our very first COVID 19 lockdown and what a journey these two years have been. Covid in schools continues to be a moving feast.

Today we are managing fifteen cases across the school. There are a number of children who are isolating at home as they are household contacts.

The requirements around gathering numbers change as of midnight tonight, which affect schools. The changes will be phased in and include:

- removing the limits for outdoor gatherings – **tonight**
- raising the limit for indoor gatherings to 200 – **tonight**
- removing of the requirements around vaccinations, vaccination passes and contact tracing – **Monday 4th April @ 11.59am.** From this day there will be no requirement to display QR code posters or have other sign in sheets. All the gates can also be opened up at this stage.

We are still in the **red** traffic light settings.

- There is no change to masks in education settings. Medical-grade masks remain a requirement for staff working indoors with children and for children in years 4-13.
- For all New Zealanders, including school settings, masks will not be required outdoors.
- The isolation rules have not changed at this stage.

As these changes start to take effect over the next week, I just want to say thank you to how you have all responded to the health measures we have needed to put in place over the past two years. The lower number of positive cases in our school community as compared to other schools, reflect your work and our work in this area.

We have had some interesting things happening in hubs recently.

Tracy Kinloch-Jones has been working across the school helping the staff and children out with STEM related activities. Tracey works for Digital Circus and our PLD contract with them is coming to a close. Next term we are starting work with Tony Jones on Field Based Stem and our first focus is going to be the local estuary. Tony will lead the staff and children in looking at how the estuary is part of our community and how we can see it in multiple ways over time.

The staff from the Aquarium were in hubs this week leading learning in a follow up from Seaweeek. Seaweeek was extended across the hubs as our Keeping Ourselves Safe programme, which was scheduled for implementing now, has been a casualty of Covid and police staff

having to be redeployed. Hopefully we can get this back on track later in the year.

Have a nice weekend everyone, even though it looks like it is going to continue to be wet.

Koina ngā kōrero mo tēnei wā

Kia pai ō koutou wiki

Nāku nā

Glenn

New Enrolments

A warm welcome to Tapu Soli who has just started with us.

We hope you enjoy your school days at Port Ahuriri School 😊



Camp Fundraiser

We will be selling Juicies at lunchtime every Monday and Wednesday (till sold out) to raise money for camp, \$2 each (cash only).



A HUGE thank you to Mr Terry, a local Fisherman who came into Poipoi Hub today to talk to them as part of Sea week. He also very generously supplied the whole school with fish and chips for lunch which was so kind. Thank you very much from all the students.