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Dear Parents & Caregivers

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

Covid in schools seems to be a moving feast, and we have been very fortunate to not have too many cases within our hubs and no staff who have been positive as yet either.

Today we are managing nine cases between Aoraki and Piki hubs. There are a number of children who are isolating at home as they are household contacts.

Thank you to everyone who has contacted us about their situation. It makes it so much easier for Sonya to keep on top of who is away and why.

If your child is in a hub which has an identified positive case, you will receive an alert from Emma, just for the hub where the case is. The whole school does not receive an alert as it is liable to cause some level of alert fatigue for you. However, we will keep you as a community up to date on the whole picture on a regular basis.

We have a number of families who are keeping their children home due to Covid concerns. It might pay to be aware there is a time limit on this type of absence, and we will be in contact with you to check in on what you are planning on doing. Medical certificates may be requested for any absences beyond five days **that are not COVID related.**

The isolation rules have recently changed. From Friday 11 March, all cases and household contacts who are currently isolating can end their period of isolation after Day 7.

If someone in your household tests positive for COVID-19, you must start your self-isolation on the day that they receive their positive test result. When they get to day 3 and day 7 of their isolation, **YOU** need to get tested using a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT). You stay in isolation until the case has completed their 7 days of isolation.

If you are a positive case, you and your household will need to isolate for 7 days or until you are symptom-free. You must begin your self-isolation from the date you either developed symptoms or were tested (if you do not have symptoms).

If a household contact has new symptoms on the day of release:

- they should undertake an additional RAT and stay at home while unwell
- if that test is negative and symptoms persist or worsen, test again after 48 hours. If symptoms resolve, there is no need for a further test.

If a household contact has finished their period of isolation they do not need to return to isolation if a new case is identified in their household. However, **this only applies for a period of seven days** following their leaving isolation.

This last one is a bit tricky to interpret, but Emma and I think we have our heads around it. If you are unsure, please contact us and we'll go through your situation and work out what we think you should be doing.

Have a nice week.

Koina ngā kōrero mo tēnei wā

Kia pai ō koutou wiki

Nāku nā

Glenn

New Enrolments

A warm welcome to:

Ella-Jaye Hetterley 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).

School App

Just a reminder to make sure you have the right options selected in the school app to ensure you get the alerts you need. If you are unsure, click on the 3 lines at the top left of the main screen and select Alert Subscriptions. Use the arrows to select the hub you want to receive notices about, as well as sports etc. Any problems pop into the office and see Sonya.

Dropping Children off to school

Just a reminder that the school does not open until 8.30am and children are not allowed in their hubs until then. There are children being dropped off early when teachers are either in meetings or trying to set up for the day and have everything ready for the children. Please book your child into Afcare if you need to drop them off before this time as hubs will be locked until 8.30am. Thank you for your understanding.