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Kia ora tatou

I hope you're enjoying the fresh, blustery sunny weather today. A very quick update from me.

Primary hybrid learning

Many thanks to all of our parents for their swift responses yesterday, and to our exceptionally adaptable teachers and students for making the first day of hybrid learning work so smoothly. We have around 150 Primary children in school today, with about 250 learning at home - so around 40% in school and 60% at home. The children have slotted straight into new/old routines and the feeling both in school and, I'm told, online has been really positive. Lots of very happy children!

A reminder that children should any with the option chosen for the rest of this week. On Friday, I will ask parents to respond to a new survey to make a decision for next week.

In College

Everything is carrying on as normal! Students who are self-isolating are able to access their lessons through Teams, and we have close to full attendance at College.

New Cases

There are no new cases to report amongst students.

Our football coach has, though, tested positive this afternoon. He ran a Year 7/8 futsal session in the Arena at lunchtime on Monday, and a small Year 1-3 football session on the field yesterday. He started to develop symptoms last night and so has not been at school today, and will be isolating for ten days. He wore a mask during all of both sessions, and was careful with his physical distancing. We do not think there is any chance that he could have passed on the illness to the Year 1-3 children, and that it is very unlikely he would have done so with the Year 7/8 students. We will, though, run an RAT before school tomorrow for the students who were in these groups and who are currently attending school.

RATs

We tested siblings of children who go to Summerfield this morning, as well as Year 11 students who may have had contact with the Year 11 who tested positive on Monday. Every test was negative.

And finally... (this will seem like an incongruous note). The car park is much emptier at the moment, as so many Primary students are learning online. This means there is more space for everyone. Please, though, don't see the space, become excited, and put your foot down on the accelerator! There was some frustrated Formula 1 driving this morning, and we need to remember to drive slowly at all times, and to avoid the temptation to speed up. Thank you. 😊

Kind regards

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