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Kia ora tatou

I hope you've had a good day so far. It's been lovely weather, of course, and the students have been enthusiastic and engaged in every nook and cranny of the school!

It's another brief update from me today. It's now eight days since our first student recorded a positive test and, even though we have had a few cases since then, I'm really pleased to see that our health measures (especially our masks and ventilation protocols, I think) have clearly helped minimise infections in school. We haven't had a new student case since Monday evening, and the numbers remain small. There are currently 4 Primary and 7 College students in total who have tested positive, and some of these students will be back in school next week provided they are symptom-free (after their 10 day negative test and a test at school on the morning of their return).

We would, though, expect a few more cases over the coming days. These are largely students who are already isolating at home because someone else in their family has tested positive. If a student tests positive or develops symptoms within 48 hours of having been in school, we will run RATs for classes or whole year groups if we think this is necessary.

Just a reminder on this: if anyone in the household tests positive, every member of that household must isolate for ten days. And can I ask that students are kept at home if a member of the household feels unwell enough to take a test until the test results are returned? Once the negative test is returned, the student should come to school.

New Cases

One of our Year 3 Primary teachers tested positive yesterday. She has been isolating as a household contact since Monday afternoon, and her class are also all learning at home this week. We informed the Year 3 parents last night, and we are asking parents of students in her class just to monitor for symptoms. We do not think it likely that she will have been infectious whilst at school.

There are no other new cases amongst students or staff.

Rapid Antigen Testing

This morning, we tested Year 7/8 students and Year 1-3 students who trained with the football coach we mentioned yesterday. All results were negative. We have also tested a number of students and staff during the day, and all of these tests were negative too.

Finally, just to send all of our very best wishes to those families who are currently isolating. All of these families have at least one person who currently has Covid, and our thoughts are with you. Take care of yourselves, and we look forward to seeing your children again very soon!

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