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Kia ora tatou

I hope you're well and enjoying the day. School has been quiet and purposeful today, though we've had more medical action with the Year 7 and 8s (where parents have approved) receiving their Boostrix and HPV vaccinations respectively. In Primary, Year 2 have been today's lucky "big game" players on the top field.

A quick update from me today, as we have had no new potential exposures in school over the last 24 hours.

New cases

There are four new cases, none of whom could have been infectious at school.

- A Year 12 student tested positive yesterday evening. She has mild symptoms and caught the virus at an outside activity, probably over the weekend. She was last in school on Friday, and will not have been infectious in school.
- A Year 8 student tested positive this morning. She was last in school on Friday, has been isolating since Saturday and has mild symptoms. She caught the virus from her father. She was not infectious at school.
- A Year 11 student tested positive this morning. She has mild symptoms, and was last in school on Friday. She was not infectious at school.
- A Year 10 student tested positive this morning. She has mild symptoms and caught the virus at an outside activity, probably over the weekend. She was last in school on Friday, and will not have been infectious in school.

As you can see, none of the four cases could have been infectious in school. A huge thank you once again to our careful parents, who kept their children at home when they started to feel unwell, or when they knew that they may have been exposed at an outside event.

Rapid Antigen Tests

We tested most of Year 10, some students from the Warkworth bus, selected Year 7 students and returning staff and students.

One returning member of staff and one returning student tested very faintly positive. Even though the official rules now allow people who have had Covid to return to school after 7 days even if they continue to test positive, we do not allow that, and so both the member of staff and the student returned home. I would expect both to test negative and to return to school in the next couple of days.

All other tests were negative. It seems that we do not have further spread of infections either in Year 7 or in Year 10, though of course I'd ask everyone to continue to be vigilant. At the moment, as far as we're aware, we haven't had anyone who is potentially infectious in school since last week.

Many thanks again to everyone for your care and caution - if we need to test again tomorrow, other than testing returning students and staff, I will let you know. At the moment, we are not planning any widespread testing tomorrow morning, though that will of course change if necessary.

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