



Whanau communication COVID - 19 Publication

19th March 2020

Key Messages from Natasha and Fraser

- **We are still following advice from the Ministry of Health and Education.**
 - At this point the advice is that we are not to expect widespread school closures. Consequently any decisions about school closures will be made on a case by case basis.
 - In the meantime, unless students are unwell themselves, then parents should keep sending them to schools and early learning centres as these environments continue to be safe and the best place for them to continue their learning.
 - Our school nurse, Catherine, is updating our school website regularly with clear advice. Please find a direct link [here](#) to all our communications.
 - **Talking to children and young people about COVID-19**
 - Given the rise in the number of reported cases, there may be children or young people in your life who experience distress. As a trusted adult, you can help reassure and educate them about COVID-19 – it can be good to talk to them now, so they can understand the illness and be reassured.

[A useful resource for parents, caregivers, whānau and teachers talking about the virus with children and young people can be found here](#)

Still in effect:

- We have created plans for learning to occur online in case we are expected to close
- Schoology will be a very important space for us to ensure your child/ren have access to learning.
- If your child is unwell please do not send them to school. We ask that you keep your child home if unwell and when they are better they can return to school.
- We have increased hygiene measures in the school and amplified the education of hygiene in the school.

FYI

<https://www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/publications/influenza-pandemic-plan-framework-action-2nd-edn-aug17.pdf>

Ngaa mihi Fraser and Natasha

EOTC Advice

- **At this point in time we only have one EOTC event approved and planned. This activity involves no interaction with other members of the public or community. All other events have been cancelled at this point.**

Sports and cultural activities

- A newsletter has gone out to all families regarding RHS sport. Please find a copy of this [here](#) in case you did not see it.

Registers of Information

- If you intend to travel with your children, or have people in your household who have returned from overseas please let us know by completing this [form](#).

This information will be helpful for us to help support our learners.



Planning Phases	Communication to Community
<p>Current Phase: Keep it out</p> <p>Next Phase: Manage it</p>	<p>Previous information sent out: Email and facebook communication sent today 16 March 2019</p>