

Marlborough Primary School

Monday 7 March 2022

Mōrena e te whanau,

Thank you to all the wonderful families that have spent some time chatting with Pepper and I at the front gate over the last couple of weeks. It's a really awkward time to try and build new relationships with parents and being new to the school - it is one of my goals.

The last 2 years have been a funny old time for education, with unprecedented closures and disruptions to our akonga and their learning. Omicron has not disappointed in this aspect, however in a very different way than I really expected.

We have had a number of cases of Omicron within our school community, and it seemed a very quick jump from no cases to one in every classroom. However, we have been fortunate to have the vast majority of our cases come from the outside in, rather than the inside out. By this, I mean that our cases have been Household Contacts, so a parent, sibling or close family member has been the initial contact and the students have caught it from there. We are doing all we can to ensure that our school environment is a safe one and we are following the Ministry of Health guidelines closely. This means that we have 5 key things that we are doing – mask wearing, social distancing, ventilation, basic hygiene – washing hands etc, and keeping away from school if we are sick.

We are trying as best we can to keep everything as normal as for our students, so **PLEASE**, if they are not required to self-isolate **SEND THEM TO SCHOOL**. We are not in a position yet to have to close classes and roster students away, so let's keep things as normal as possible.

If your child is required to be away from school, either as a close household contact, or if they have contracted Covid – we do have Home Learning packs available. Please email office@marlboroughprimary.school.nz to order a pack. If you are ordering a second pack, please can you note this so we are able to give you a new pack.

Reminder - Sushi Lunches

If you have a standing order for Sushi, can you please remember to cancel it if your child is absent.

Na mihi

Michelle