



Te Kura Maori o Nga Tapuwae

CONFIRMED COVID CASES

Thursday 17th February 2022

Tēnā koutou e ngā mātua,

As we have stated on a number of occasions - the health and wellbeing of our children, staff, whānau and school community is a top priority. As such, the Board of Trustees have agreed to close the school for tomorrow, Friday 18th February to allow all students and staff the opportunity to be tested.

There will be a Whānau Hui via zoom this evening at 7pm. The zoom details are as follows:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89664751904?pwd=emt2cllpcW05Z1RBZDJYaHh6bmxjZz09>

Meeting ID: 896 6475 1904 and Passcode: 528501

Due to the status of our Kura and the make-up of whānau within the student body we are identifying all students as being a **CLOSE CONTACT**. Please get your child tested for COVID-19 immediately.

To assist whānau with this process - we have arranged for a pop-up testing station to be set-up here at Kura tomorrow **Friday 18th February 2022 from 9am until 12pm**. Please note this service is purely for our Kura whānau i.e. students and household contacts who wish to get tested. Please do not inform anyone else of this service as staff will turn away anyone they do not know!

Please note that **school will reopen on Monday 21st February for all students who have sent a screenshot or email of a negative test result** to info@ngatapuwaes.school.nz

If you need support during self-isolation, call the COVID Welfare Phone Line on 0800 512 337. They will connect you with someone who can help. This could be a local community organisation, a government agency, a marae-based service or support that iwi have established. For more information go to <https://covid19.govt.nz/isolation-and-care/getting-extra-support-if-you-have-covid-19-or-are-self-isolating/>

On behalf of the Board and the staff we appreciate your understanding the decision to enact this short circuit breaker of 1 school day whereby allowing 3 days including the weekend for testing to take place. Safety of whānau is paramount and as such we have taken this step and made arrangements for the pop-up testing station to help everyone through this process as quickly as possible.

Please remember that these whānau currently affected by this did not choose Covid-19 so we ask that you are respectful as we progress through this next phase. We, like all other schools across the country and in particular here in Auckland are bracing ourselves for possible future cases but hope that this will be the only instance that we need to have a full school temporary closure but only time will tell.

If you have any queries over the next few days, please contact us via info@ngatapuwaes.school.nz and not through the teachers as they will also be having themselves and their whānau tested.

Ngā manaakitanga,

Arihia Stirling
Principal