



Te Kura Maori o Nga Tapuwae

TE WAIORA O RONA – TERM 4 UPDATE

Thursday 3rd November 2023

Tēnā koutou e ngā Mātua,

Welcome back to our Te Waiora o Rona (Health & Wellbeing Initiative) pānui with an update on all aspects that we are currently focusing on but before we delve into that, there are a couple of concerns that we need to bring to your attention:

1. **Strep Throat** - As you may be aware, our Turuki Health Care Worker has been doing the class checks which includes throat swabs and it has come back that we have found a number of positive cases So, **it's really important that if you are notified that your child has strep that you follow the prescribed dose of antibiotics for the full duration (DO NOT MISS A DOSE)** so that it can be eradicated and not evolve into Rheumatic Fever which affects the heart. It is also really important that during the infectious time period that students remain indoors at home to stop the spread. This period is from diagnosis until the end of the first day they begin taking the medication. We also encourage all those residing in the same household to be swabbed as well. You can either do this with your GP/Nurse or booking a time with our Turuki Health Team via the school office.
2. **Kutu** – Our Turuki Health Care Worker has been diligently checking hair whilst completing the rest of her head-to-toe checks. Unfortunately, we have found pockets of classes who have either live kutu and eggs or dead kutu and a mixture of dead/live eggs. Either way, if this is the case with your child, you will be asked to collect them from school with a care package (kutu shampoo & comb) and go through removing all kutu/eggs before your child returns to school. This is to cease the spread amongst their peers which leads to reinfection. We ask for your support with this as it may be your child with kutu now but next time it may be your child we are working to try and keep their hair kutu free. As you are no doubt aware, kutu are not a byproduct of hygiene but of opportunity so please also encourage your child/ren not to share hats, brushes, hair ties etc or allow their heads/hair to touch.

Current Progress

There are a number of foci for Te Waiora o Rona at present and they include:

∞ Glasses

We are pleased to inform you that all 32 students that needed glasses have now received them. We are yet to have the final group of students tested but this may not happen until the new year. However, we ask that all whānau encourage their children to wear them consistently.

∞ Ear Clinic

We are now able to confirm that our Ear clinic will begin next week with our Year 13 students and work their way through the year groups until our Turuki Health Team have seen all students. This will take place every Monday and Wednesday from 9am – 12:30pm. Clinic staff will assess ears and undertake the suction process if required.

Thank you for your ongoing support and if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the office on Ph: 551 6161 or via info@ngatapuwaee.school.nz

Noho ora mai,


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