



## School Update No. 12

24 May 2020

Kia ora koutou,

It was great to see the majority of our students back at school last week. I hope to see more return tomorrow to resume classroom learning. We know some of our families and whānau are still feeling a bit anxious about sending their children back which is understandable given everything we have been through these past 2 months.

- It's really important children do return, not just for their education but also their health and wellbeing.
- Instances of COVID-19 in New Zealand are very low and here in the Waikato we have no cases, with the last case reported on 10 May.
- We're aware of concerns out there that people without symptoms may be able to spread the virus. The Ministry of Health has advised us that there is no instance in New Zealand of someone spreading the virus without ever having symptoms.
- Our school is safe. Even though there is such a low risk of the virus getting in the gates to start with, we will be keeping up our hygiene practices and other public health measures as an extra precaution for as long as we're at Alert Level 2.

A message from the Ministry of Education

***We will be sending student attendance data to the Ministry weekly, from 29 May. The purpose is to:***

- ***report to the National Crisis Monitoring Centre and government on levels of attendance during the COVID-19 period***
  - ***inform and support Ministry planning for students and schools returning to normal operation, and***
  - ***evaluate and report on the effectiveness of initiatives implemented by the Ministry to respond and manage its response to COVID-19.***



As tomorrow and the following days are meant to be raining, please try and drop your children to school between 8.45am and 9.15am so they can walk straight to the classrooms. Same pick up times in the afternoons so if you are the parent of junior children and you aren't going to be at school at 2.30pm can you please let their teachers know so they can be held in the classrooms if it's raining.

Some parents have asked me the cost of your children attending OOSC. Below is a table outlining morning and afternoon prices. Subsidies may apply to these prices if you qualify.

<b>Morning</b>		
7.00am - 8.30am	\$10	Students go directly to their classrooms when dismissed at 8.30am
8.00am - 8.30am	\$5	
<b>Afternoon</b>		
2.45pm - 4.00pm	\$10	
2.45pm - 5.30pm	\$18.20	

Ngaa mihi

**Whaea Chris**