



Newsletter Issue 14

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

Tēnā koutou katoa

I hope you all had a lovely break over the two long weekends for Easter and Anzac Day. I also hope that there was no COVID related disruption to your family. Although children testing positive for our school were low at the end of last term it seems that national daily cases are still high with 5,000+.

The Senior Leadership Team have met and reviewed the Government Health and Education requirements under orange level and made changes to our School Health and Safety Plan. They have allowed some flexibility for schools to choose which restrictions apply based on each school's COVID situation. We do need to be mindful that in the coming months children may be more prone to catching a cold or flu.

Changes have been made for our St Heliers School Community and we will monitor how positive cases in the school are tracking over the first two weeks of Term 2. If our numbers continue along the same lines as the last two weeks of Term 1, we hope to see total cases over each week in single digits. We ask parents to resume contacting school if children are required to stay at home as a household contact of someone who has tested positive or test positive themselves. Children will also need to stay home if they display any cold or flu symptoms.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone again as we begin to transition to a normalised school day. Activities which have been put on hold like running club, morning assemblies with parents, choirs and shared play spaces, will resume.

The weekly newsletter which was required during Term 1 will go to a fortnightly newsletter this term. Newsletters will be even weeks on a Thursday or occasionally Fridays.

See you all on Monday 2 May.

Noho ora mai

Sean Valvoi  
Principal

## BACK TO THE FUTURE

Below are the restrictions which will be in place and those which will be lifted starting day 1, Monday 2 May.

We will monitor these changes and current positive cases for our school over the first two weeks.

- Masks are strongly encouraged for children and staff while inside buildings. While strongly encouraged this is no longer a mandated requirement. Staff will not be requesting children to wear masks. You will need to talk to your child(ren) about what you feel comfortable with.
- Parents will have access on site as they normally would although for now will not be able to enter classrooms during pick up and drop off times. We strongly encourage parents to wear masks while onsite.
- Parents may attend morning assemblies on site. (Tuesday Y1&2, Wednesday Y5-8 and Thursday Y3&4)
- School will start and finish at the normal times of 8.50am and 3pm respectively.
- Gates will open at 8.15am and children will be able to play before school.
- Children can enter and depart from any gate.