

Ross Intermediate School

TE KURA WAENGA O ROSS

COMMUNICATION TO PARENTS RE COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) Update 1

The following will apply for the remainder of Term 1. We will update our procedures and guidance for Term 2 over the upcoming break. As a school we are committed to providing a safe learning environment for all students and staff. We will continue to keep you updated on advice we receive from the Ministries of Health and Education. You can find out the latest at the following site: <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>

As a school we are taking the following precautionary measures:

- Increasing education around the importance of effective hygiene practices.
 - Wash hands after using the bathroom and before eating.
 - Desk hygiene.
 - Avoid person to person contact, this includes handshakes, hugs and hongi where possible.
 - Sneeze into your elbow and wash hands afterwards.
- Delaying any EOTC (Education Outside The Classroom) or learning activities outside of Palmerston North
- Cancelling any school and community group events on a case by case basis. We will notify you.
- Actively encouraging anyone from our school community to remain home if unwell.
- Reviewing, postponing or cancelling any domestic or international school related travel by staff.
- Supporting students learning through online tools, should they be required to self isolate. If your child uses a School Provide laptop, please contact the school to arrange access to a device.
office@rossintermediate.school.nz
- Closing our school roll to International Fee Paying Students for 2020.
- Keeping our community updated with any advice we are receiving from the Ministry of Health and or Education.
- As a precautionary measure we are asking students not to use the shared drinking fountains. We encourage them to bring their own drink bottles.

What do we need from you?

- If you or any member of your immediate family are spending time overseas you need to maintain the self isolation protocols, this includes your child. We can provide work for them to do from home on request. If you would like this, please contact our school office. office@rossintermediate.school.nz
- If you and your family are heading overseas in the upcoming break, then be aware that there will be a continued requirement to self isolate for 14 days. Again we can provide work for you on request. If you would like this, please contact our school office. office@rossintermediate.school.nz
- Reinforce the importance of personal hygiene.
- If your child is unwell please **DO NOT** send them to school. We appreciate the stress this can put on working families. We also ask you to consider doing this if someone in the household is unwell.

The safety and wellbeing of our students, staff and community are paramount in any decisions we are making. The steps taken by our government indicate to us this is something that we need to take seriously. We do not need to panic, we just need to be sensible and apply good common sense practices. I know that some of the above may seem to be at the extreme end of measures but we are not prepared to take any unnecessary risks. If you have any concerns regarding the above then please get in touch with any member of our Senior Management Team; we are the team responsible for the measures we are taking.

Ngā mihi



Wayne Jenkins
PRINCIPAL

Protect

yourself and others against

COVID-19

Cover your coughs or sneezes with tissues or your elbow



Put your used tissue in the rubbish bin or in a plastic bag



Wash and dry your hands often, especially after coughing or sneezing – use soap or hand sanitiser



Stay away from others if you're unwell



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