



PUHINUI SCHOOL



Newsletter

25 February 2022

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Kia ora Parents and Whānau,

This is a general update letter for our school parent community around Covid-19 cases and how they are affecting our school. As you are aware things are ever changing, but we will do our best to keep you informed of current developments at our school.

You are probably aware that we have a number of covid related cases we are currently managing and working our way through.

- To start on a positive note, earlier this week we had 3 classes return to school, Room 1, Room 9 and Room 25.
- Next Monday Room 15 students are due back after the class was closed for the week.
- Yesterday (Thursday 24th) we had 2 junior classes that were closed and are currently isolating at home.
- We have had 3 Middle School classes with partial closures. Not all students in these classrooms were close contacts. Only the close contact students were requested to self isolate.

PHASE 3 AND WHAT THIS MEANS FOR OUR STUDENTS: From midnight on Thursday it was announced that the country will go into Red Light, Phase 3 of the traffic light system. This will mean from Monday all students who are currently self isolating as close contacts, are able to return to school unless someone in their immediate household is a positive case.

To clarify for parents who were asked to pick up their children on Thursday, this means students from **Room 13, Room 16, Room 17, Room 21 and Room 24 are able to return to school on Monday as long as they are well, have no symptoms and have no household family members who are a positive Covid-19 case.**

SCHOOL IS OPEN FOR ALL STUDENTS: We are open for all students who are well. We do want to maintain safety and continue to provide the best learning opportunities possible for your child. The Secretary of Education Iona Holstead has instructed schools as follows:

In Phase 3, only household contacts of confirmed cases are required to self-isolate. The isolation period will be 10 days. All other contacts of COVID-positive people are not required to isolate, but they will need to monitor for symptoms. This is a decision that has been made based on public health advice – the high vaccination rate across the country will do its job in protecting us from transmission during the next surge of cases. If you haven't already, I encourage you to get your booster.

PUHINUI WHANAU VACCINATIONS NEXT WEDNESDAY FROM 2.30 P.M.: Next Wednesday we will have a vaccination hub set up in our Auditorium. It will commence at 2.30 p.m. and run through until 4.30 p.m. All family members are welcome to come along. Parents will need to provide permission for their children to get a vaccination. A reminder that anyone unwell, or who is self-isolating will not be able to attend. We hope this gives you a chance to vaccinate your children, and family members. The team will also be available for booster shots and for other immunisation shots that your child may need. On Wednesday we will organise an early release from class for children who may be attending with their parents. Please be aware Wednesday will be a busy end of the day so please be on time and patient. Please see the reverse of this newsletter for more information.

OTARA VACCINATION DRIVE IN: This Friday (today) and Saturday Shana at South Seas Healthcare will be holding a tamariki vaccination event from (3 p.m. to 9 p.m). We advise parents and families they can also do walk in's from 8 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, via 5 Otara Road. There is a lot of street parking and where parking is needed for mobility or elderly, use Gate A, 5 Otara Road.



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Whānau Vaccination

Wednesday 2nd March 2.30 p.m.

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Next Wednesday 2nd March, Puhinui School is hosting a Pop Up Covid vaccination event in our school Auditorium from 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. We invite all children aged 5+ and their whānau who are due for their Covid vaccination to come along. There will be registered nurses there to give Covid vaccines, including boosters, to those who are due. They can even look up to see if you are due, in case you're not sure!

Nurses can also offer catch ups of other vaccinations that you may have missed, including younger siblings, Intermediate age children who missed out on their HPV or Boostrix during lockdown, or anyone overdue their MMR vaccination.

Children in this age group must have their parent with them and consent will need to be given.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Please note that the nurses will not be able to vaccinate anyone who is unwell on the day, awaiting Covid test results or a close contact of someone with Covid.

If you would like to pick-up your child at 2.30 p.m. and take them to the Auditorium ready to line up please can you indicate this by filling in the form below and returning it to your class teacher. We will make sure your child is ready to go. Please come to the office and we will bring your child to you.

Yes I will pick-up my child around 2.30 p.m. for the vaccination Pop up in the auditorium

Name of child/children

Room.....