



# Moerewa School

## TE KARERE O TE KURA

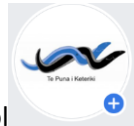
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Kia ora whanau

This is just a quick newsletter to let you know our current status at Moerewa School.

We are open until told otherwise by the government. However we have a number of staff away who for various reasons are self-isolating. This is because they are considered vulnerable as per government guidelines (see next page) and to the best of our knowledge no-one has been in contact with any positive cases.

This could mean that we become shortstaffed, however at this stage we believe we can continue to keep classes going. We have also made the decision to restrict outside agencies from visiting the school as part of keeping ourselves safe.



For the time being we will be using our Moerewa School facebook page as our main means of communicating messages to whanau.

You can also check out our website <http://www.moerewa.school.nz/> but facebook is much quicker and easier for us to use.

Please make a note of our email address as another means of staying in contact especially if we do face closure. [office@moerewa.school.nz](mailto:office@moerewa.school.nz)

We want to stress that if your child is unwell – keep them home! It is important for everyone that we try to keep our immunes systems as strong as possible and to do this we don't need unwell people around us.

Because of this it is extremely important that we have up to date contact numbers for everyone. Please let us know immediately if your phone numbers have changed recently. If you don't have a phone ask a neighbour if we can have theirs. We may need to be able to contact whanau urgently in the coming days so please help us to help you.

If your children are away don't forget to let us know why otherwise they may be marked as truant.

For pupils who are away (maybe sick or self-isolating) we have put together student independent learning packages that you can use to help your child work from home. Please let us know if you want one of these.

### **OSCAR**

As of this morning ALL OSCAR PROGRAMMES AT MOEREWASCHOOL ARE CLOSED until further notice.

**Breakfast Club** is also cancelled for now.

The following events are now cancelled.

- Both Leadership (for our students) events in Auckland.
- The school's parent/whanau "snapshot interviews"
- The Train trip for our SenCo students.
- Oscar's school holiday programme.

### Rheumatic Fever (Sore Throats)

The throat nurses will not be making any visits to schools for the time being. Tamariki with a sore throat and are from a whanau with a history of Rheumatic Fever please contact Jude Hawea or Tui Cherrington on the Ngati Hine Health Trust 0800737573. They will discuss and organise a visit to their home and Parent\Caregiver will be shown how to swab and a swab will then be processed.

**Stay safe everyone, don't travel far if you can help it and follow Ministry of Health guidelines to keep you all safe.**

### Vulnerable people

Information about who is considered vulnerable has been **updated today** on the [COVID-19.govt.nz](https://www.covid19.govt.nz) website and is as follows:

*At risk people include:*

- **Those over 70:** Older people often have underlying health issues, including respiratory issues that make them more vulnerable to COVID-19.
- **People with medical conditions:** Underlying medical conditions can make you more vulnerable to COVID-19. In particular, people with respiratory conditions such as COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease), heart conditions, high blood pressure, kidney problems and diabetes.
- **People undergoing a treatment for cancer and blood conditions:** As treatments for cancer and blood conditions affect people's immune systems, this makes them more vulnerable to COVID-19.
- **Pregnant women:** Health experts do not yet know if pregnant women are impacted by COVID-19 in the same way as other people. However, pregnant women experience changes in their bodies that may increase their risk from some infections.
- **People without easy access to healthcare**

My contact details have changed.

My new phone number is \_\_\_\_\_ My new address is \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name and Number \_\_\_\_\_

Child/ren's Names \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_