



Te Kura Takiwa o Opononi Opononi Area School

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WHANAU UPDATE
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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Next week we are asking that all students return back to school unless you are isolating with covid or a household contact.

Since the Omicron outbreak started:

We have had 15 students in the whole school who have tested positive for covid. 11 have either returned or finished their isolation.

We have had 5 staff members who have tested positive for covid. 4 have now returned to school from isolation.

We also have a number of staff and students who are Household Contacts and they must be isolated for 7 days.

Please be vigilant around symptoms and keep your child at home if they are unwell.

Student attendance has been picking up from only 25% last week to 60% this week. Next week with our seniors back this number will increase.

Changes to the COVID-19 Protection Framework for education.

- Vaccine Mandate Order for staff and Volunteers in school will be removed at 11.59pm on Monday 4 April.
- No changes to mask requirements in Red or Orange.
- Indoor capacity limits for extra-curricular activities increase from 100 to 200 people (one meter apart).
- My Vaccine Pass requirements will be removed from the framework at 11.59pm on Monday 4 April.

Welcome to Sarah Morgan our new Deputy Principal, we are happy to have you on board. Sarah has written an introduction on the next page.

Ngā mihi nui
Pateriki Toi
Principal

Upcoming Events

- The Harbour Swim is now postponed - **Date to be confirmed**
- **Thursday 7 April** - Primary School Sports Day
- **Monday 11 April:** Year 11 - 13 overnight Marae stay - Te Kaiwaha
- **Tuesday 12 April** Year 9 & 10 overnight marae stay - Te Kaiwaha
- **Wednesday 13 April** Year 7 & 8 overnight marae stay - Te Kaiwaha
- **Thursday 14 April** - Last day of Term 1
- **Friday 15 April** - Good Friday and start of School Holidays
- **Tuesday 10 May** - Robotics Day
- **16-20 May** - Bullying Free NZ Week
- **Friday 20 May** - Pink Shirt Day
- **Friday 3 June** - Jump Rope

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Ko Paihia tōku tūrangawaewae
Ko Norman Morgan tōku Papa
Ko Amanda Morgan tōku Mama
Ko David Caswell tōku Tane
Ko Jack, Ko AJ me Cora-Rose aku tamariki
Ko Destiny tōku hunaonga
Ko Arlo taku mokopuna tuatahi.
Ko Sarah Morgan Caswell ahau

Kia ora koutou, I am very excited to join the team at Opononi Area school as your new Deputy Principal. The Hokianga has a very special place in my heart, having spent much time here with my late uncle who lived down Wekaweka road. I have spent the last few years as part of the leadership team at Okaihau College, and all of my teaching experience has been in our local Northland area across both primary and secondary settings. I look forward to meeting you as we work together to bring about the best outcomes for your children.

