

Wednesday 18th March 2020



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Community Consultation: Covid-19

At the moment everything at school is normal and it is safe. Your child needs to be here to get on with his/her learning.

However as you are aware the Covid-19 virus is spreading across the world and there are now a few cases in NZ.

We do not have Covid -19 here at the Collegiate but like all schools we are taking precautions to help minimize its spread. So events like Polyfest have been cancelled, sports including our swimming and touch rugby, cultural events, assemblies and other gatherings are cancelled. All school trips are cancelled. However Schools will remain open unless the Ministry of Education tells us to close. Until then learning programmes will continue to run in class as normal.

What we can do



We need to keep up good hand washing practices and this means a thorough wash and drying of your hands after going to the

toilet and before eating. The recommendation is a 20sec hand wash (same length of time as singing happy birthday to yourself). This is the most important thing we can do as soap kills the virus. If you are visiting the school to drop off a lunch etc we will ask you to sanitize your hands as you come in.

Can we ask that if your child is unwell that you keep your child at home. Any student who comes to school with flu-like symptoms will be sent home immediately and you will need to get them checked out by a doctor. Don't forget to try our School APP which shows all our latest info and you can also send in notification to us if your child is sick. Do also check our Collegiate website and Electronic boards for more information.



Can I also ask that if you have changed address or your cell phone number that you let us know. COVID-19 is a notifiable infectious disease. We are taking every necessary precaution to protect our school community and will be guided by the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education. **If you have a particular concern about your child or yourself, Healthline has a dedicated**



line for COVID-19 (Free call: 0800 358 5453) or see your local doctor immediately.

Covid -19 Digital and remote learning

If the Ministry of Health and Education were to close schools we have been asked to survey whanau and see what capability we have to send work home for our tamariki. Today we are sending home a survey as to how well we could distance teach your child. So we need to know if you have the internet and if you have a computer at home. This will help us work on plans to continue some learning if we are forced to close.

Walking School Bus- cancelled

Because of Covid-19 concerns the Junior School walking school bus routes to school which we were hoping to start tomorrow will have to be cancelled. This is just a precaution and we will review this later in the year.



Goal Setting

A big thank you to all our families who attended goal setting. As I have said before it is only in partnership that we can get the best learning outcomes for your child. Powerful learning occurs when the home, school and child are all focused on the learning goals. Keep your child's goals fresh in mind as the year goes by and ask your son/daughter how they are going. If they see these goals as important to you they will want to learn and try harder. This year we achieved



a turnout of 77% which is on par with other years. Well done whanau!

Building upgrade: Workman/Workwoman

As part of our building upgrades our builders need an extra part time worker- general labour. If you are looking for this kind of work please contact Mrs Saumani in the Junior School Office for more details.

Junior Awards

The hardest working pupils this week are:

End of term dates

Term I will be finishing on Thursday 9th April at 2.45pm. (Friday 10th April is Good Friday and the start of Easter)

School will recommence for Term II on Tuesday 28th April at 8.45am. I hope you enjoy the break and you can read stories, play games and enjoy being with your child/ren. Research states that the brain learns heaps through play: decision making, social behaviour, and personality expression. So do get out and play with your child. They are only little once and spending time with your child is precious.

Yours truly,
John Shearer
Principal

Return Slip (Return this slip and go in the draw for a book prize!)

I have received the newsletter & I have read it.



Signed.....