

# Maungatapere School Newsletter

## Return to Level 1

Tuesday 22 September



Kia ora family & whanau

Level 2 has felt a little different this time round, but thank you to the community for your assistance in using the Covid app and signing in when entering the school grounds for essential reasons. Drop off and pick up each day has generally worked well also.

While we have returned to Level 1 again, there are still some requirements for us as a school and for the community in general – especially around contact tracing.

The Ministry of Education guidelines below outline how we will manage the requirements for alert Level 1.

### Aspects to follow at Level 1 -

1. Testing remains a crucial component in preventing an outbreak. If you are sick, you should stay home. If you have cold or flu symptoms then call the doctor or Healthline on [0800 358 5453](tel:08003585453) for advice about getting tested. If recommended to get tested, please do so.
2. Only students/staff who are sick, waiting for Covid test results or are self-isolating for contact reasons need to stay home. Everyone else should be at school.
3. Staff and students will continue to practise good hygiene – coughing, sneezing, nose blowing, handwashing. Soap and water and drying hands will be promoted before eating and using bathrooms. Hand sanitiser no longer needs to be used on entry or exit of rooms but will be available.
4. Physical distancing is not a requirement but where possible/practical it is encouraged around people you do not know.
5. Contact tracing registers are not required for parents picking up or dropping off, but visitors to our school need to sign in at the office as usual.
6. Parents and whanau entering the school for pick up or drop off need to use the QR code for the NZ COVID Tracer app. This is displayed at the carpark gates and school office.
7. There are no restrictions on physical activities, including cultural and sporting activities, gatherings and assemblies.
8. If schools are connected to a confirmed or probable case, they will close on an individual or group basis for contact tracing and cleaning.
9. End of Day procedures for buses, walkers and ASC will continue as normal with students being checked off lists. Please continue to notify changes to the school via the App, email or phone.

**Car Morning Drop off:** Please continue as currently. If there is a specific reason you need to come into school to talk with your child's teacher, you are welcome to do so. You need to use the Covid App QR code if you are entering the school grounds.

**Car Afternoon Pick up:** The current system with students at the school gate supervised by teachers will continue. If you are entering to pick up students, please use the Covid App QR code.

**ASC Pickup:** Again those that liked the Level 2 system can continue to use it. ASC phone number 0210375623 – please text or phone when you arrive in the carpark and the children will be brought to you. You are also now welcome to go in and collect your children from ASC.

**Lost Property:** We have a large amount of lost property which we will put out in front of R1/2 today, tomorrow and Thursday if weather permits, so please come and have a look. Just use the contract tracer app QR code on entry.

**Cross Country:** We have a good group of runners completing at Barge Park in the Northland Cross country tomorrow. We wish them all the best. It will be good to be able to go and support them.

**Community Consultation:** A reminder our community consultation has gone home via a Google Forms link. We would really appreciate you taking the time to share your thoughts about our school going forward.

Finally, the term break starts at the end of this week and we hope our school community has a good one. We have some very tired students who are ready for a little down time, time to spend preparing for Ag Day and being with their animals and having some quality family time. Have a safe holiday.

Regards

Judy Eagles

Principal