



Fairfield College

7 March 2022

Kia ora e te whaanau,

Over the last week the school has been posting a daily tally update of students and staff that have tested positive for Covid-19 on the school face book page. We have not posted any information about the number of household contacts but the escalating numbers of staff in both categories is increasing our workload and anxiety levels as we battle to remain open at all levels for face-to-face learning.

The school is fortunate that we haven't had to close school at any levels and operate distance learning. This may change if the numbers of staff that are required to isolate increases. Staff are committed to remaining open for face-to-face learning for as long as we possibly can.

Our teachers are asked to provide distance learning for students that are required to isolate while also teaching the students that are attending school. This is proving to be a challenge as we seek to balance our workload. Teachers are also requested to cover their colleagues that are required to isolate because of Covid-19, and this is further adding to our workload and anxiety.

In discussion with the Board of Trustees chairperson we have decided to change the structure of our school day this Friday March 11. School will start at the normal time but will conclude at 12:30pm. The purpose of this early finish is to provide time for staff to catch up on work that the pressures of Covid-19 have increased. The Board of Trustees see this as a measure of goodwill and support to our staff in recognition of the challenging circumstances that we are working in.

At this stage we see this as a one-off event, however, we will evaluate this as we await the anticipated Omicron peak that modelling suggests will take place towards the middle and end of March.

Thank you for your support and understanding. Supervision will be provided for any students that may require this because of the early finish. Please send the name of the student to:

snowdonl@faircol.school.nz

Kia haumaru - Be safe.
Naaku noa, naa

Richard Crawford
Principal



Be respectful
Be responsible
Be the best you can be

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