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Kia ora koutou

**COVID-19**

As the number of positive Omicron cases increase across the country, we too are experiencing increased numbers at our school.

Currently we are facing staff shortages, but we have managed to operate the school safely. We will keep you posted on options we have in place in case we experience a higher volume of staff shortages. One of the options we will use will be to split classrooms so that we can cope with staff absences. We have also managed to book some relievers over the next few weeks and as well, Senior Leadership will also be available to manage classes if required to do so.

The Senior Leadership team would like to acknowledge the staff at Green Bay School for helping us manage through these difficult times. We thank our staff for their commitment to our school, it is valued and appreciated.

Thank you also to our families for continuing to send your children to school (when they are not sick). It is important for our students to get face to face teaching and to be able to socialise with their friends.

If you have chosen to keep your child/children at home, please email their classroom teacher for online learning resources.

We have been advised of **2** positive cases today. Our number of positive cases over the last two weeks totalled **39**. Thank you to all families and caregivers for notifying us of positive cases in the household, please continue to do so. Starting next week, our daily updates on positive cases at school will become weekly, Fridays only. However, we will continue to email individual classroom parents and caregivers when we are advised of a positive case that affects them.

If there are any student/household cases over the upcoming weekends, please continue to email the office advising details, [admin@greenbay.school.nz](mailto:admin@greenbay.school.nz)

If your child/children are at home recuperating due to being a positive case, the focus should be for them to recover from the virus first and then return to school after their 10 days isolation (returning on day 11), provided they are symptom free. *What to look out for* **COVID-19 symptoms**.

Please do not send your child/children to school if they are sick.

Further information attached on ***What cases and contacts need to do in Phase 3.***

On behalf of all the staff at Green Bay School, we would like to thank you for your continued support of our school.

Stay safe and take care, we are all in this together.

Arohanui

He whānau kotahi tātou - We are one family



Anand Muthoo

**Principal**

**Green Bay School**