



TITAHI BAY SCHOOL - KURA KIDS are Believers and Achievers

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It is the end of week 7 and I would imagine you have all been thinking about school and the Covid-19 Virus, just like we have.

The school will remain open until we are requested by the Ministry of Health to close due to a change of circumstances. Every day I read the Ministry of Education guidelines that are coming out, and as a school we act upon the information as it comes through to us. The Government has set up a new website for you to go to if you are unsure of any of the information - www.covid19.govt.nz

At school the preventative measures we continue to take are:

- Educating all our KURA kids on washing hands with soap and water before eating, after attending the bathroom. Our KURA kids can wash their hands any time they feel the need.
- Covering coughs and sneezes with either a clean tissue- there are plenty of these in each class - or into their elbow
- Ensuring any used tissues go in the bin
- I am encouraging staff to stay home if they are sick
- If our KURA kids are sick we encourage their whānau to keep them home
- We have put extra hours into cleaning and all surfaces in class, door handles etc are sanitised at the end of every day
- We are cleaning our toilets midday and end of day
- We are no longer having whole school assemblies, powhiri, hui or anything else that puts a lot of our KURA kids in one space together
- We no longer shake hands, kiss visitors, hongis and our very inventive and creative KURA kids are showing us a whole new way of greeting people
- Netball NZ has made a decision that at this stage we will postpone winter sport until at least the 2nd May
- If one of our KURA kids at school is unwell while at school (coughing, high temperature or shortness of breath) you will be rung as the parent straight away.
- I am setting up a register of high health risk students and staff members. If your child fits this and has high health needs that we are not aware of then please let our office know.

This week we started to work on what distance learning could look like for our students in case this is needed. As always, Titahi Bay School likes to be prepared.

At this time please remain calm and know that our school is doing everything we can to keep our KURA kids in a space where we don't focus on doom and gloom but rather get on with teaching and having fun with their peers in class. We will stay in communication and update you without overloading you with information.

Ngā mihi
Arohanui
Kerry Delaney