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Kia ora koutou

Greetings and welcome back to the start of Term One. New Zealand remains at Alert level 1 and everyone is doing the right thing to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

With over 100,000 people coming back to New Zealand through managed isolation facilities, our very low number of community cases is a reflection of the quality of work by the managed isolation staff and health authorities. Overall, 1.5 million people have now been tested.

Unfortunately, we have to expect COVID cases to emerge but we can be reassured by the speed, breadth and depth of the health response. As noted by the government, New Zealand is top equal with Australia in the world as having the highest rates of testing per positive case. We know that the approaches being taken in the MIQ are at a very tight forensic level.

According to the [Lowy Institute](#), New Zealand has been ranked the best at responding to the COVID-19 outbreak out of nearly 100 countries.

We continue to have a large amount of control over how we can prevent the spread of COVID. For our school we will:

- display QR code posters for the NZ COVID Tracer App
- keep our visitor register, attendance register and timetables up to date
- be monitoring for illness and asking anyone who is unwell to remain at home, or to go home
- encourage people with relevant symptoms to seek medical advice through Healthline or their GP and get tested for COVID if recommended to do so
- reinforce the importance of good hand washing and drying
- reinforce good cough and sneeze etiquette

All parts of the school continue to be regularly cleaned.

Āraia te kino and protect yourself, and your whanau.

Ngā mihi

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