



17<sup>th</sup> March 2020

## Covid-19 community information

Kia Ora Whanau

Parnell District School is working to ensure the safety of our staff and students in light of the evolving global pandemic around Covid-19. We must be clear that **there are no confirmed cases linked to Parnell District School**. Our Senior Leadership team are working with the Board of Trustees to ensure the safety of our children, staff and community, while working through changes that need to be made to our standard practices whilst navigating these previously uncharted waters.

**Our primary goal is to reduce risk wherever possible, both in terms of exposure or transmission, for both staff and students.** The Board has endorsed this risk management approach, whilst we endeavour to continue to deliver the academic curriculum. While immediate action is required, it is important that children feel safe and supported.

Specific actions to reduce risk will continue to be developed, and for now include:

- The postponement of the Fete. We are looking at dates in Term Four, but this will be decided later and communicated via the newsletter
  - The cancellation of Friday assembly. The assembly will be live-streamed and the presenting class will perform for a small group of students their age, and certificates will be presented. The link for to the video will be sent via the school app so parents can watch online either live or afterwards
  - The provision to all classes of soap and paper towels, and teachers have worked with children around regular hand washing hygiene
  - The cancellation of kapahaka and choir practices and performances until further notice. (Friday Fizz activities will continue at this stage)
- . We request your support to help keep your child/children safe; you can help us by:
- Talking with your children about their personal hygiene, including hand washing and the use of tissues
  - Ensuring they have plenty of water in drink bottles so they rely less on shared school fountains
  - Providing hand sanitiser for personal use if needed in addition to good hand washing practices

Additionally, we ask that:

- Any families returning from overseas follow government guidance and self-isolate as appropriate
- Any children with a fever or flu-like symptoms are kept home. If they present at school with these symptoms they will be sent home
- If you are feeling unwell, ring Healthline's COVID-19 hotline on 0800 358 5453

As we work through this evolving situation, the board is meeting weekly or as required to monitor the situation and ensure that our response is appropriate. We will keep you informed with up to date factual information wherever possible. Communications will be through letters sent via email and App, and on our website under newsletter. If you have questions or concerns we recommend you call the office for clarification. We are awaiting directives from the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education (**the Ministry of Education will advise if school closure is required**) and we will forward any updates to you as we receive them. Thank you for your support in these challenging times.

Richard George

John Worth

Principal

Board Chair

# ATTENTION staff, children, families, guests & visitors

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## Travelled abroad over the last 14 days?

If you have recently travelled to the updated nominated areas or have any concerns that you may have been in contact with a COVID-19 infected person-  
Please **DO NOT ENTER PARNELL DISTRICT SCHOOL**.  
Please call the designated HealthLine NZ: 0800611 116 or call your local GP.

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## Stay at home and do not come to school if you are sick or are feeling unwell.

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## Coughing or sneezing?

Coughing or sneezing into your tissue or elbow and then performing hand hygiene.

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## Hand hygiene

Wash hands regularly and properly with soap and water, or cleaning with hand sanitizer provided in our common areas.



*Thank you for your cooperation  
Parnell District School*

# Protect

yourself and others against

# COVID-19

**Cover your coughs or sneezes with tissues or your elbow**



**Put your used tissue in the rubbish bin or in a plastic bag**

**Wash and dry your hands often, especially after coughing or sneezing – use soap or hand sanitiser**



**Stay away from others if you're unwell**



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0800 358 5453**

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[health.govt.nz/COVID-19](https://health.govt.nz/COVID-19)

**Protect your family/whānau from COVID-19 (coronavirus)**