



## *Pukekohe North School*



Kia ora koutou katoa te whaanau,

*Kia hora te marino*

*May peace be wide-spread*

*Kia whakapapa pounamu te moana*

*May the sea be like greenstone*

*Hei huarahi maa taatou i te rangi nei*

*A pathway for us all this day*

*Aroha atu, aroha mai*

*Give love, receive love*

*Taatou i a taatou katoa*

*Let us show respect for each other*

I hope this letter finds you and your whaanau safe and well.

The Ministry of Education has informed us that schools can open from Wednesday 17th November 2021 but has advised each school to decide individually what works best for their learners.

After advice and guidance from the Ministry of Health, unfortunately Pukekohe North School WILL NOT be open for all students next week due to the rising number of cases in our local community.

At the end of next week, we will once again look at our local community case numbers and there is a possibility we may be able to open the following week commencing 22/11/2021. Ministry of Health advice and guidance will inform this decision.

This decision does not affect the 10 essential workers' children who will continue to come to school as normal. Please note, we'll continue to support learning from home for those tamariki who will not be attending onsite.

In the meantime, we recommend that all whaanau get tested due to the proximity of this outbreak in our community.

We respect the rights of every whaanau who decide to keep their children home for the rest of 2021.

Staff are very disappointed at not being able to connect with their students kanohi ki te kanohi and I know whaanau and students will feel the same way but the safety of all onsite is paramount.

The following link will take you to the Ministry of Education COVID-19 information for whānau [covid-19](#)

If you have questions or concerns, you can contact me via the school office (0800 263 785) or email [ntwiss@pukekohenorth.school.nz](mailto:ntwiss@pukekohenorth.school.nz)

Kia noho haumarū,

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