



Kerikeri High School

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Dear Families, Whānau, Staff and Students,

As we said a month ago, we were not “out of the woods” yet. The winter coughs and colds have layered over another wave of positive Covid results and we are experiencing a lot of disruption.

It is hard going for our students and staff – for our students lots of their friends and classmates are away and that makes the learning programme bumpy as staff endeavour to keep students going and catch students up. They are also coping with their Teachers away, and their Teachers are not only trying to manage the learning for the students in their own classes, but have been keeping the School going by doing extra classes for their colleagues when there are not enough Relief Teachers. We are fortunate with our great Relief Teachers who also do their best to keep the students going.

We have seen a marked drop in student attendance after such a good start to the term as the sickness has increased, with some classes at times down to half of the students. Over the whole school we have up to one third of the students being affected.

While some schools are opting for a circuit breaker of one or two weeks of learning at home for the whole school or for some year levels to break the infection cycle, we know that our students do better by retaining connection to us, to each other and to their learning.

We will roster home to protect as much schooling as possible over the last 3 weeks of this winter term.

Thank you for your understanding. Here is the roster and it is not straightforward. It is organised around events such as the Year 11 Drama Production, the senior Market Day, Year 9 Matariki Filming Show, senior Outdoor Education curriculum expeditions, Music assessments and the Year 9 Science Fair, to name a few.

Our roster is:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 8 20 – 24 June	Year 10	Year 9	Year 12	Year 11	Matariki Holiday
Week 9 27 June – 1 July	Year 11	Year 10		Year 9	Year 12
Week 10 4 – 8 July		Year 9	Year 10	Year 12	Year 11

Can we please strongly reiterate all our Covid safety messages – masks are mandatory on school buses and in our Assemblies and are strongly encouraged in class. Stay home if you have symptoms, use all our good hygiene practises and use lots of hand sanitiser which is available all about the School. Masks are freely available at School from Reception and from Te Puna Waiora and are handed out to all as they come into Assemblies.

Please continue to advise us if your student or a member of your household tests positive as this helps us to plan our support of students.

Our goal as we come to the end of this winter term is that Kerikeri High School stays open and is as positive, stable and normal for as many students as possible.

We are trying to do the best we can, for the most of us, under newly challenging conditions.

Take care everyone.

Ngā Mihi Nui, a big thank you for your support.

Warm regards



Elizabeth Forgie
Principal



Mike Clent
Associate Principal