**Information for parents and whanau.**

May 3 2022

Kia ora koutou,

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope you were all able to enjoy a little bit of down time during the break.

Here is a quick update with reminders on what the move to Orange means for our school.

At Orange, face masks are no longer required at school. However we will follow public health advice and will continue to encourage and support mask wearing by students and staff when indoors especially if they have a slight cold or sniffle. We will not however be insisting that they do. Visitors to the school, including parents and whānau, are no longer required to wear mask on school grounds.

 We have a supply of masks available at school for students and families should they be needed. Please ask at the office.

At Orange, students aged 12 and above are still required to wear a face mask on school or public transport but again we will encourage all students to do so.

We will continue to keep all the other health measures in place at school that we know slow the spread of COVID-19. These include ensuring our indoor spaces are well-ventilated, maintaining good hand hygiene and cough and sneeze etiquette, appropriate physical distancing whenever we can and, most importantly, staying home if we are sick.

We are looking forward to a term that has a few less restrictions and returning to school life that is a bit closer to normal. Please look out for our newsletter which will be sent out on Thursday this week outlining what is coming up this term.

Ngā mihi,

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