



Kia tiki ake te pai
ACCENTUATING THE POSITIVE



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Kia ora e te whānau. Greetings families

Isn't it great to have some rain to fill our dams. It's a joy to watch children in the rain. They pop their raincoats and gumboots on and away they go. I have been taking such joy at welcoming the children each morning at the gate and walking them to the church car park in the afternoon.

We are absolutely thrilled to now have most of our children back at school.

From Friday, the Ministry of Education has asked us to start submitting our attendance data each week. They will be using this data to get a national picture of attendance levels in school. This will help them with their planning of the Covid-19 response nationally.

For those who haven't returned to school yet;

You will all be aware that national levels of Covid-19 continue to fall. We want you to know that school is a safe place and we think it is really important for all children who are well to return to school.

Getting back to a normal routine is important for the health and wellbeing of our children, and being around their peers and teachers will help them feel in control and reassured.

We now expect all children who are well to return to school. If you would like to discuss any concerns you have about your child returning to school, please do not hesitate to contact me.

At school procedures

We will continue with drop off and pick up procedures for the time being as we are still required to maintain detailed contact tracing registers.

We will also continue with our hygiene practices and procedures at school.

If your child isn't coming to school because they are unwell, please contact the school office as you normally would.

If you have any questions, please contact me at amandab@rutherfordprimary.school.nz

Kia kaha - He waka eke noa.

Nga mihi nui
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