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Kia ora whānau

As always we are committed to keeping you informed of covid cases at school, especially if we feel they are escalating. We now have 5 cases which have been reported over the last week, 3 of which were reported today in Emerald. Whaea Clare is also at home with likely symptoms. The attached table shows whole school data.

As we did with Sapphire last term we would like to move to hybrid learning for Emerald for the remainder of this week. When we did this last term, it stopped the spread quickly and we had very few cases for the rest of the term.

Emerald will be converting to hybrid learning from tomorrow (learning from home). We are doing this to try to stop Covid from spreading across the entire school.

Please can you keep your tamariki at home for the remainder of the week. We do understand that this may not be possible for all whānau and we will have Teresa and Koka Missey at school to support where it is not possible to keep tamariki at home.

If you are able to keep your tamariki at home please let the school know today and we will supply you with home learning packs and library books for the remainder of the week.

Please ensure you test your children if they have any cold and flu symptoms. We have RATs here at school if you need.

Once again, thank you for your ongoing support.

Aroha nui

Robyn