



# OPUA SCHOOL

*Manaakitanga me te Awhina  
Caring and Sharing*

28 May 2020  
Term 2 Week 7

## MINISTRY OF EDUCATION COVID-19 FACT SHEET



- Instances of Covid-19 in New Zealand are very low;
- In Tai Tokerau, we have 0 cases and 0 deaths with the last notified case reported on 16 April (approx. 40 days ago);
- There is 0 community transmission in Tai Tokerau region;
- Tai Tokerau has one of the highest testing ratios across the country particularly for rural and isolated communities;
- Tai Tokerau has one of the highest proportion of testing for Māori across the country;
- The Ministry of Health has advised us that there is no instance in New Zealand of someone spreading the virus without ever having symptoms;
- Public health advice, based on experience in New Zealand and overseas with COVID-19, shows that it does not infect or affect children and teens in the same way it does adults. Children and teens have low infection rates, they don't become that unwell if they do get infected, and they don't tend to pass the virus on to adults;
- Our schools and kura are safe. Even though there is a low risk of the virus getting in the school gates to start with, we will be keeping up our hygiene practices and other public health measures as an extra precaution;
- Parents, caregivers and whanau can be assured that strong public health control measures will be in place in all education institutions. These include learners and staff staying home if they are sick, contact tracing, and safe hygiene requirements;
- We have been alerted to social media content that is wrong and unnecessarily

upsetting parents and whānau. The misinformation is that the law passed on 13 May gives powers to Police and others to uplift children from school/ kura if they appear unwell and forcibly test for COVID-19, and administer medication including flu vaccinations. Neither Police, Oranga Tamariki nor anyone else have been given any such powers;

- If a child becomes unwell at school we will contact you in the usual way;
- It's really important children do return to school, not just for their education but also for their general health and wellbeing;
- The return to school has gone really smoothly and it has been brilliant to see how excited the children have been to get back to their learning and social routines;
- We know some whanau are still feeling a bit anxious about sending their children back to school, which is understandable given everything we have been through these past 2 months;
- A reminder that Ministry of Education continues to be available to support parents and whanau who may have questions related to safety in schools and kura – call free on 080052484256 or email [Enquiries.Whangarei@education.govt.nz](mailto:Enquiries.Whangarei@education.govt.nz) ;



## THANK YOU

We would like to say a belated thank you to Bevan Taylor (Blake's dad) for his kind donation of food stuffs to our school kitchen. Jeannie Henderson, our resident garden green thumb/cooking extraordinaire, has been cooking up a storm with produce from the gardens as well as what was donated. The pupils that assist Jeannie are learning so much about Garden to Table and everyone who gets to sample the creations have declared them DELICIOUS! Thanks Bevan and Jeannie.





**INTRODUCING.....**

# **NIC NOCK'S TUCK SHOP**

**PRE ORDER YOUR CHILD'S HOT LUNCH!**

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## **MONDAY - NACHOS**

**Premium Mince, Beans, Carrot, Zucchini  
Served with Corn Chips and Cheese**

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## **FRIDAY - MAC 'N' CHEESE**

**Loaded with Cheese, Bacon and Broccoli**

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**Vegetarian options available upon request.**

**For a start all meals will be served in an environmentally friendly container but if I get enough interest I will look at reusable options.**

**Pre-order and pay by Sunday each week.**

**To order please text 021 022 955 12  
Please include child's name(s) + classroom + what day/meal.**

**Please transfer \$ with child's name as reference  
ASB 12 3102 0010342 51**

**\$6.50 PER MEAL -  
DELIVERED AT LUNCH TIME TO OPUA SCHOOL.**

