



# Kaeo School



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**Term 1**

**Week 7**

Hello,

Sorry to write about the Covid 19 virus again but I guess it is both at the forefront of peoples minds and a rapidly evolving situation. At this stage there is no indication that schools in New Zealand will close, or that there is any need for them to close whilst community transmission of the virus is not occurring.

Rather, having the children at school is helping to ensure that some of those most at risk, including the elderly, minimise their contact with the virus by not being called upon to care for children not at school.

We are getting regular updates from the Ministry of Education who are liaising closely with the Ministry of Health and these will guide us over the coming weeks.

The messages remain the same:

- Practice regular and thorough personal hygiene.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with clean tissues or with an elbow.
- Put used tissues in the bin.
- Avoid unnecessary trips to large population areas.
- Practice, where possible keeping safe distances from others and avoid large gatherings especially of the type that makes contact that is not able to be tracked – informal large gatherings such as concerts and the like.

Should there be any confirmed cases in our community then protocols are in place to provide information to us and this will be passed on immediately to you and the appropriate action taken. Please contact me directly should you require any clarification or advice and please don't add to the worry by listening to or partaking in rumour and gossip. It really doesn't help.

Kind regards,

Paul Barker.

### Students of the Week

Here are our Students of the Week for Week 6 – congratulations to Amaara, Lucas, Raiha, Neveah, Eva and Levi!



### Teacher Only Day/Parent Interview Day.

Please don't forget that we have a teacher only day scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> of April.

### Scabies

We have had a case of scabies in our wider school community recently. Scabies is a contagious skin disease caused by a barely-visible parasite called the scabies mite.

Symptoms include itchy skin and a rash. Prompt diagnosis and treatment is required to deal with the condition, and to prevent serious skin infections and the scabies mites spreading to other people.

Accordingly, it would be appreciated if parents and caregivers could keep a close eye on their children to detect infection, if any, and if so to seek support from your doctor.

### Dates for your diary

23 March	BOT Meeting
1 April	Teacher Only Day.
9 April	End of Term 1

*"As we work to create light for others, we naturally light our own way."*  
 Mary Anne Radmacher.