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Kei aku nui, kei aku rahi, tena koutou katoa i roto i nga ahuatanga o te wa

This is a little note ahead of the start of term two. First of all, I hope you have had an enjoyable two weeks and that you have escaped the creeping sludge that is Covid, Omicron, Delta, Beta, the flu, a cold or any other lurking lurgy out there to get us.

The move to Orange and the relaxing of mask wearing and gathering restrictions in schools has somewhat changed the landscape for us as we prepare for the start of school. The Ministry of Education have advised that those who wish to continue wearing masks should be supported and we will certainly do that.

We will embrace the new settings and will not try to implement measures beyond the government's current framework because, ultimately, we would be unable to enforce them if challenged.

To recap:

- Mask wearing is no longer required in schools
- Those who want to wear masks can do so
- Gathering restrictions have been removed
- Syndicate assemblies and school assemblies can resume

As I said in my notice at the end of last term, the support, consideration and tolerance of our parent community has been high end so I am not going to preach do's and don'ts. Our parent community has been exceptional in taking personal responsibility around school entry, mask wearing, drop off and pick up so I am happy for those decisions to be yours.

W. John Wootton Principal

No reira, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa.