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Kia ora tatou

I'm going to keep things exceptionally concise today. I promise!

New cases

There have been three new positive tests in the last 24 hours:

- A Year 10 student tested weak positive yesterday evening. She is connected to the Year 10 mini-cluster and has mild symptoms. She was in school on Monday and Tuesday. We have tested all students who have had significant close contact with her, and will do so again tomorrow. All have so far tested negative.
- A Year 5 and a Year 7 sister and brother tested positive this morning. Both students have been isolating as household contacts since Saturday and so have not been in school since Friday. They have not been infectious in school, though both now have mild symptoms. They contracted the virus from family members.

As you can see, the rate of infection remains low. There has been a total of 50 student infections so far - 5% of the student population. 11 infections have been in Primary students; 39 have been in College students.

A total of 12 members of staff have tested positive - that's around 8% of our staff. Today, 3 Primary and 4 College teachers were self-isolating, either because they have Covid or are household contacts.

Rapid Antigen Tests

We tested a number of students and staff connected to the Year 10 student who tested positive last night, along with a number of returning students and staff. All tests were negative.

Many thanks to everyone for your support as always. The careful, cautious approach from our families and from our staff makes all the difference and has kept the number of cases at Pinehurst low. And our thoughts are with all those who are currently struggling with the virus or who are self-isolating. Take care of yourselves!

Kind regards,
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