



YOUR PASS TO YOUR POTENTIAL

PACIFIC ADVANCE SECONDARY SCHOOL

AN INNOVATIVE SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR PASIFIKA BY PASIFIKA

Tuesday 8th March 2022

Kia Orana kotou katoatoa

Re: Omicron Home Learning Update

We continue to see Omicron cases surging across the motu, especially here in Auckland. Well done for being patient during this time.

In a statement, the Ministry of Health reiterated caution when interpreting daily cases.

"We are still seeing a daily increase in Covid-19 hospitalisations and the seven-day rolling average of community cases. From March 1 to March 7, the seven day rolling average increased from 10,698 to 17,921, and over the same period, hospitalisations increased from 373 to 696.

"These numbers clearly show that Omicron is still spreading in our communities ... Contributing factors to the decrease in case numbers seen in the previous few days are likely to have been either a lower level of testing and a lower level of self-reporting of RAT test results over the weekend, or a combination of both."

McElroy said Aucklanders yesterday recorded their highest number of RATs ever, 43,735 - some 25 percent higher than the previous highest day, last Monday. ([RNZ news](#) 8.3.22).

What does this mean for PASS?

1. We are seeing an increase in positive cases amongst our PASS families from other factors such as workplaces and extended family members.

2. Many families are either very sick or are in isolation.
3. Online teaching and learning is available all day for every student.
4. Most teachers are covid-19 free and available to teach and support students.
5. All students have access to their own learning device.
6. Family support systems are in place for those in need.
7. Mana Awhi support staff are covid-19 free and able to support students and whānau in other ways.
8. At the recent Talanoa Ako parent meeting on the 1st March, parents, staff and whānau unanimously agreed for PASS to remain closed until after the Omicron virus peak.
9. A very small group of students have been invited to attend school due to exceptional circumstances.

Although it is our desire to be physically back at school, unfortunately now is not the time to return. We will continue to diligently monitor the covid-19 landscape and keep you fully informed each week.

Attendance - We are seeing a drop in attendance to online classes from some students. Please note that EVERY student must log in to their Mana Classes and report to their village parents no later than 9am sharp.

Talanoa Ako - our next fono will be next Tuesday at 7pm. Here is the [zoom link](#). The topic will be about "Internet Safety and Monitoring" - how to check your son/daughters activities on the internet. Please come along and take advantage of this opportunity.

Skool Loops - we hope to be using this app for smoother communication between home and school by April. Go to this [link](#) and sign up to Pacific Advance Secondary School. Thank you to our first 15 families who have already signed up. There will be further training in future Talanoa Ako meetings.

If you have any queries or concerns, please make contact with your village parent or call the office directly on 09 2760375 or 0800 80 PASS.

Kia Manuia i a kotou katoatoa



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