



YOUR PASS TO YOUR POTENTIAL

PACIFIC ADVANCE SECONDARY SCHOOL

AN INNOVATIVE SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR PASIFIKA BY PASIFIKA

Monday 28th February 2022

To our dear PASS family

It has been a challenging two weeks watching the omicron cases spike across the motu (country) and in particular, South Auckland. We hope you have managed to keep yourselves as well as possible.

Covid Update - Since our last day of school on the 11th February, our first PASS omicron case grew to seven cases within that weekend. Over the past two weeks, our families have experienced becoming close contacts to positive cases or positive cases from places outside of PASS. To date, there are approximately 20 positive cases within our families. We continue to encourage each other to be diligent around our friends and family. The updated guidelines for managing omicron are as follows;

1. Stay at home if you are sick and get a test if you have covid symptoms
2. Contact the school if your son or daughter tests positive
3. Practice good hygiene at home including mask wearing where possible
4. If you or anyone in your household is a positive covid case, everyone must stay home and isolate for 10 days to help stop the spread. After 10 days, and as long as you are not feeling unwell, you will be free to leave isolation. You do not need to wait for an official message or release to leave isolation.

Home Learning - We are grateful to our staff who have provided a smooth transition into home learning. Students have been provided with digital devices and home internet if needed. Our teachers are providing live classes throughout the whole day.

However, we have noticed that about 35% of our students are not yet attending online classes. Note that we expect ALL of our students to attend their online classes from 9am through to 3.15pm, unless parents/caregivers have called the school with a valid reason for not attending.

Talanoa Ako (Parent Learning Meetings) - please join us tomorrow night to MEET the teachers via Zoom. You will have an opportunity to put a face to the name of staff you may have already been in contact with. You will also get a chance to meet in your villages with the following leaders:

- Mana Tangata - Chris Tuuga-Stevenson
- Mana Whenua - Bayley Johansson
- Mana Langi - Ben Saipele
- Mana Moana - Brian Enari


Throughout the term, we will offer to continue Talanoa Ako where we will discuss themes about how to help students at school. Stay tuned for our upcoming events. Here is the [link](#) for tomorrow's meeting.

New School Apps - to assist with better communication at school, we have introduced two new Apps that we would like you to access:

Skool Loops - we will be spending the next few weeks transitioning to Skool Loops which will simplify communication from home to school. Please go to this [link](#) and sign up to Pacific Advance Secondary School. There will be further training in future Talanoa Ako meetings.

Return to School Learning - this Friday, we are due to make a decision regarding whether or not we return to school next week. With the predicted peak of cases still to come, we may need to consider delaying the return. Most of our staff are still well and are able to teach your sons/daughters every day while at home. We will discuss this briefly with you at [Talanoa Ako tomorrow night at 7pm](#). Please come along so you can hear more details.

Ngā manaakitanga i runga i a tātou katoa



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Co-principals