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PACIFIC ADVANCE SECONDARY SCHOOL

AN INNOVATIVE SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR PASIFIKA BY PASIFIKA

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Ni Sa Bula Vinaka

Welcome back to school! It was really fabulous to see talavou and kaimahi (staff) back into today's routine. We hope you have remained well and healthy over the past 2 weeks, and we look forward to engaging with you and our talavou more throughout the school term.

Orange Restrictions Update:

At Orange, face masks are no longer required at school. However public health advice is that masks continue to be strongly encouraged when indoors. Wearing a mask is a key health measure that slows the spread of COVID-19 in indoor settings, furthermore talavou and kaimahi that suffer from underlying health conditions e.g. asthma, may be at risk of becoming sicker if they contract COVID-19. For that reason, we ask that visitors to the school, and vulnerable sufferers of other underlying conditions wear a mask whenever they are indoors on school grounds.

There may be times when talavou are working closely inside with other people, or times when indoor ventilation is lacking. During these situations, kaimahi may encourage talavou to wear a mask.

If COVID-19 cases are detected at school or in the community, we will encourage *everyone* to wear a mask for a short period. At Orange, students aged 12 and above are still required to wear a face mask on the school van or public transport.

We will continue to keep all the other health measures in place at school that we know slow the spread of COVID-19. These include ensuring our indoor spaces are well-ventilated, maintaining good hand hygiene and cough and sneeze etiquette, appropriate physical distancing whenever we can and, most importantly, staying home if we are sick.

We are looking forward to a few less restrictions and returning to school life that is a bit closer to normal.

Vinaka,

Ala'imalo Falefatu and Parehuia Enari
Co-principals