



Rangiora High School



Whakautea
RESPECT



Tohaina
CONTRIBUTE



Wawatahia
ASPIRE

Tangata ako ana i te whare, te turanga ki te marae, tau ana
A person who is taught at home, will stand collected on the marae

A child who learns values at home and is cherished within their family, will not only behave well amongst the family but also within society and throughout their life.

Newsletter to parents/caregivers/whānau

12 October 2021

Kia ora,

The response by New Zealanders to this latest outbreak has been strong, with high rates of testing and more and more people getting vaccinated.

If we were to have a case of COVID-19 in our school, public health authorities will want to know if we are a school with a high vaccination rate. This information will then be used as part of the local health authority's risk assessment. The more highly vaccinated we are (staff and eligible students), the less likely it will be that we will have to close down for a long period of time, or we might not need to close at all. We are also doing our part by working toward all our staff being vaccinated.

We will therefore need to know if your child has had their first or second vaccine dose or is exempted from being vaccinated. This information will be held by us in accordance with the Privacy Act and will only be shared with public health authorities.

We are therefore getting our data collection system in place and will get in touch with you again very soon.

More than 5.7 million doses of the Pfizer vaccine have now been given in New Zealand (as of 7 October 2021):

- 53 percent are fully vaccinated (2 doses) = 2.2 million New Zealanders
- 81 percent have had their first dose = 3.4 million New Zealanders
- 86 percent of Aucklanders have had their first dose
- 61 percent of Aucklanders have had their second dose

As of 3 October 2021, 86 percent of Pacific Peoples and 90 percent of Māori aged 65 and over had received their first dose (compared with 93 percent of non-Māori and Non-Pacific) and our average daily numbers for Māori getting their first dose have increased by 69 percent in the last fortnight.

While the signs are really pleasing, clearly the job isn't done. Because of this, we've [attached some additional information](#) to help support everyone who is eligible to get vaccinated. [This link takes you to a list of the walk - in COVID-19 vaccination clinics open in Canterbury this week](#)

The two best things we can do to keep our community as safe as possible is to get tested if we are feeling unwell and get everyone who is eligible vaccinated.

Ngā mihi,

Karen Stewart

Principal / Tumuaki