



Darfield Primary School Te Whenua Kōkōwai

Standing Tall: Reaching our Potential

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back to Term 3. I am really looking forward to the return of students and staff to the school tomorrow.

COVID Update

After reflecting on COVID numbers in Term One compared to COVID numbers in Term Two the school has decided to return to **strongly encouraging** the use of face masks by students in Years 4-6 when in close proximity to others. Staff will also be expected to wear face masks where practicable. Teachers are able to support any child in Years 0-3 if they choose to wear a face mask whilst at school.

We have received recent communication from the Ministry of Education, with input from the Ministry of Health, which also strongly encourages the use of face masks in schools.

The school have stocks of face masks available – both child and adult sizes. Please ask a staff member if you or your child require a face mask whilst on the school site. The school will also maintain stocks of hand sanitiser and these will be located around the school.

As In Term One, teachers will ensure that students have regular opportunities to remove their face masks whilst outside or to take a break from the classroom if required.

Kind Regards
Meredith Devonald
Tumuaki/Principal