



16 March 2020

Kia ora

We have emailed this notice out using the email addresses that we have on file. If you did not receive it or you would like it to go to others in your family or a different email please email office@mtcook.school.nz with your child's name and any email addresses you would like notices and the newsletter to go to. This could include grandparents or other family you want to keep informed.

COVID-19

We are receiving daily updates from the Ministry of Education about the virus and how to proceed. There is a possibility that the school will be told to close at some point if the virus spreads. Please have a think about how your family would manage that.

The final two weeks of Junior swimming at the Kilbirnie Aquatic centre are cancelled. This is to ensure that our children remain healthy.

Our teachers will be wiping down surfaces, door handles, computers and iPads at morning tea and lunch time. Our school cleaners clean every day and are paying more attention than ever to high touch surfaces such as bathroom fixtures, doorknobs, switches, counters, and phones. Teachers will have the children wash their hands before they eat.

Children with cold/flu like symptoms need to stay home. If your child shows any symptoms we will call home for them to be picked up. Please keep the school informed of any sickness, travel and or exposure.

There is a good video clip from Nanogirl that will help your children to better understand the virus - [YouTube clip - Nanogirl](#) or search *Nanogirl virus*. You may have also seen that the Prime Minister sat down with Dr Michelle Dickinson and the Prime Minister's Chief Science Advisor, Juliet Gerrard, to talk about coronavirus:

- [Watch on the PM's Facebook page](#)

Ngā mihi,