



Kia ora

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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 future notices and the newsletter to go to. This could include grandparents or other family you want to keep informed.

COVID-19

The Ministry of Education is currently advising schools that they will be staying open. This is however a very fast moving situation and we need to be ready for that to change. Please be prepared for a school closure.

In the event of a school closure we will be sending home packs for homes without internet access or for families that don't have access to a computer or device. For families that do, we have been creating a bank of interesting activities and links. We will also create some suggested timetables. We will communicate with families via email, the school website and the school Facebook page (which can be accessed through the website) <http://www.mtcook.school.nz>.

At school we have made some choices with advice from the Ministry of Education:

- Electives have been postponed
- Children are not working across classes for maths, buddy classes, syndicate singing
- Assemblies have been cancelled
- Book week has been postponed
- The drinking fountains have been turned off. Please make sure your child has a drink bottle for school. If a child forgets, they get a paper cup with their name on it and use it during the day.

We have families who have suffered job losses due to the virus. If you are one of those families, the government has announced a support package. If your work has been affected by the virus please click on the government website link below.

<https://covid19.govt.nz/how-were-uniting/financial-support/>

For medical advice the government is advising that you ring Healthline in the first instance: 0800 611 116

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