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Talofa,

The return to school has gone really smoothly and it has been brilliant to see how excited the students have been to get back to their learning and social routines. I know some of our families are still feeling a bit anxious about sending their children back to school, which is understandable given everything we have been through these past 2 months. It's really important children do return to school, not just for their education but also their health and wellbeing.

Instances of Covid-19 in New Zealand are very low and here in Porirua Region we have 0 cases, with the last case reported on 16<sup>th</sup> April. I'm aware of concerns out there that people without symptoms may be able to spread the virus. The Ministry of Health has advised us that there is no instance in New Zealand of someone spreading the virus without ever having symptoms.

Windley School is safe. Even though there is such a low risk of the virus getting in the school gates to start with, we will be keeping up our hygiene practices and other public health measures as an extra precaution for as long as we're at Alert Level 2

### **Vaiaso o le gagana Samoa**

Next week we will be celebrating vaiaso o le gagana Samoa, Samoan language week. Windley School students can not assemble as one school because we are bigger than 100 students. Therefore, we will be assembling as senior school and then junior school to raise the Samoan flag and sing the Samoan national anthem. There will be no parade afterwards but please wear Samoan style clothing on Monday to create an atmosphere of celebration.

We are not able to mix classes as we usually do so each class will use gagana Samoa in activities each day.

Friday we will we have a Zoom assembly for each class to show and tell the rest of the school what they have done during the week. The Zoom assembly will start at 1.30pm. At the end of assembly we will sing a Samoan Hymn while we lower the Samoan flag.

### **Survey**

Staff will continue to contact our families to ask about how home learning was during Alert level 4 and 3. The reason for this is to find out what the school can do to provide ongoing learning support for our students. One thing we have found already is that the communication between school and home increased and was more meaningful for both home and school. How do we keep that going? How does Windley School build on all the positives that came from home learning?

Kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui,

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