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Kia Ora e te Whanau,

The situation at school has become quite difficult this week as we currently have 5 teachers who are unwell with Covid-19 or have children who are unwell, therefore they are household contacts. We also have several of our support staff who are in isolation.

This means we are unable to have teachers for every class. We have been able to manage this over the last couple of weeks by combining classes where the numbers were low.

As many students have now completed their 7 days isolation and are returning to school this is becoming more difficult, and as more teachers are testing positive there are fewer of us to cover classes.

We are just wanting to let you know that we may have to merge or split classes so that we can ensure all students are supervised at all times. Your child may be learning in a different classroom, with a different teacher. Class teachers who are in isolation will provide online learning for their students who are at school, or still learning at home (This may depend on whether teachers are well enough to do this).

We are hoping that this will only be the case for the next week and that after that most staff will be 'back on deck' and we can start getting back to 'more normal' school.

We will keep you informed of any further changes or other support we may need if we lose any more staff during the week.

Thank You for your continued understanding. We are just hoping that everyone gets well really soon!

If you have any questions or concerns, please email me principal@oruaiti.school.nz

Regards,
Diane Bates.

We will not be sending out our usual school newsletter this week, hopefully we will have lots to include in the newsletter next week if we have staff and students back!