Dear Parents, 14-12-20

We are now beginning our last full week of school before the Christmas break. Thankfully the school has been very fortunate up until now and we have not had to ask any class to self-isolate due to positive Covid cases. This is due to the good practices that we have put in place within the school. However it is also due, in a large part, to our parents working with us and following PHA guidelines and I sincerely thank you for this.

At this stage my main concern is the possibility of a positive case within the school as we near Christmas and the impact that would have on a whole class of pupils, their families and staff. The school has already been informed by some parents that they will not be sending their child to school this week and I fully understand this decision. A positive case now would be so disruptive within any household being so close to Christmas. Therefore, in order to try and protect our whole school community this Christmas, I have decided that this Friday 18th will be our last contact day in school. However, teachers will still provide remote learning on Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st via ‘Seesaw.’ On both these days, teachers will place a Numeracy and Literacy activity on the platform before 9.30am. All completed work should be returned by 3pm.

As always, my primary concern is the wellbeing of our pupils and staff and at a time of rising numbers within the wider locality, I think this decision is best for us all.

I thank you for your continuing support throughout this difficult term and wish you all a safe and peaceful Christmas.

**PRINCIPAL**