

HAVELOCK NORTH SCHOOLS CLOSURE STATUS

To the Parents, Caregivers and School Communities;

We realise that this is a stressful and challenging time for our community and hope you are on the way to being well.

We have had a meeting today with Public Health officials, Hawkes Bay District Council, Boards and Principals of all Havelock Schools; we have again reassessed this situation as of today. Based on the advice of Public Health officials and the ability for our young children to adhere to the required hygiene standards, a decision has been made that

**Havelock North Primary. Te Mata Primary,
Lucknow Primary, Havelock North Intermediate and Hereworth
School will remain closed until Monday 22nd August 2016.**

**Given the older age of students Havelock North High School,
Woodford and Iona will reopen Thursday 18th August.**

We cannot reinforce strongly enough that students must be **free from symptoms for 48 hours** before returning to school to minimise further risk to students and their families.

We are working in the interests of our students and their families. We are very grateful and impressed at how our school communities have come together at this challenging time.

We have been advised that:

- All water still needs to be boiled for 3 minutes
- When children return to school they will need to bring bottled/boiled water with them (extra 'safe' water is available for replenishment during the day via the Community water tankers)
- Good hand washing practices and the use of hand sanitizer are essential.
- Children at school showing symptoms will be immediately sent home.

Yours sincerely

The PRINCIPALS OF THE ABOVE NAMED SCHOOLS

