

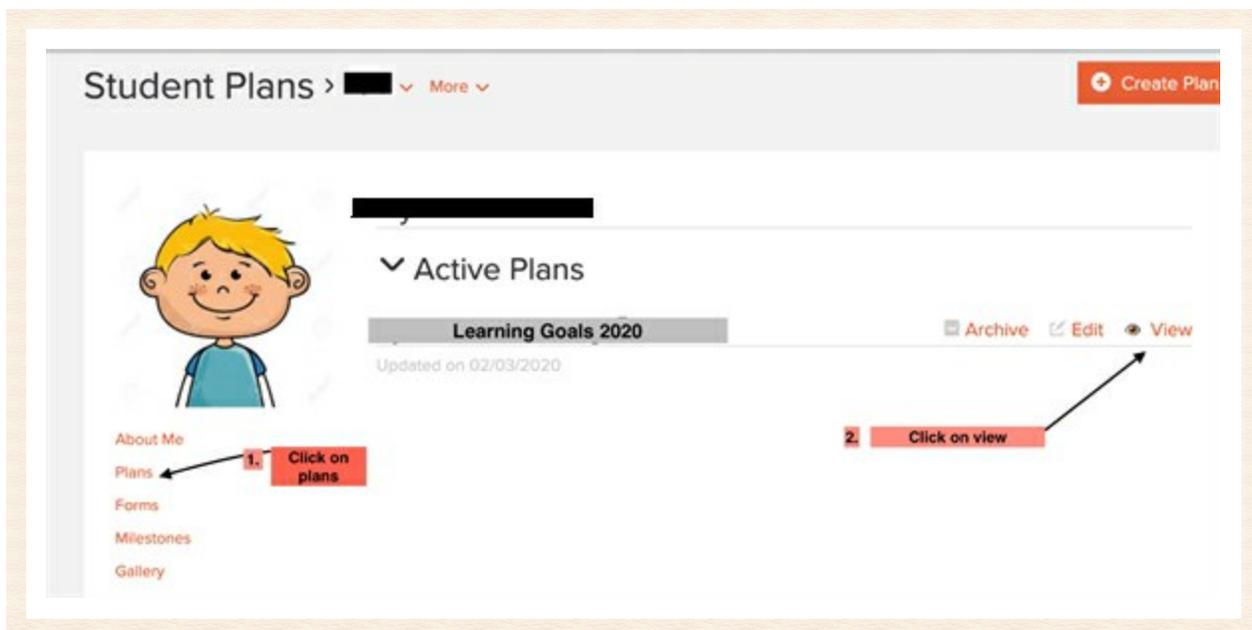
Week 5!

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Kiā ora e te whānau

Thank you to all our whanau who attended learning conferences this week and thank you for all your patience while we try using Educa to record the conversations. By next Monday your child's teacher will have uploaded the goals and ways you can support at home. You can access this document by going onto your child's profile, click on plans and the file should appear.

A big thank you to all the teachers for the extra hours they have worked in preparation, and on the nights to make these learning conversations such a success.



COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) update

During the weekend there has been much media coverage on this topic.

You may be wondering what Tawhai School is doing to plan and prepare for an event like this.

The Ministries of Education and Health have been providing excellent communications to school principals on this issue for the last few weeks.

If you have checked our Pandemic Planning Policy on-line you will have seen that school specific content is no longer there. Instead we will follow the daily updates from Ministry of Education and Health.

Here is the current advice to us all:

Everybody should follow the following basic principles to reduce the risk of getting an acute respiratory infection or passing it on to others. This is particularly important at Tawhai School as we have a child in our school with cystic fibrosis who can easily get sick if they come into contact with children who are unwell.

- regularly washing hands (for at least 20 seconds with warm water and soap, and dry thoroughly).
- covering your mouth and nose when you sneeze.
- staying home if you are sick.
- avoiding close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms.
- if you feel unwell you should avoid public gatherings and events.

Here are two links for those who wish to read more:

Ministry of Education

<http://www.education.govt.nz/.../novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov/...>

Ministry of Health

<https://www.health.govt.nz/.../dis.../covid-19-novel-coronavirus>

Concerns and complaints

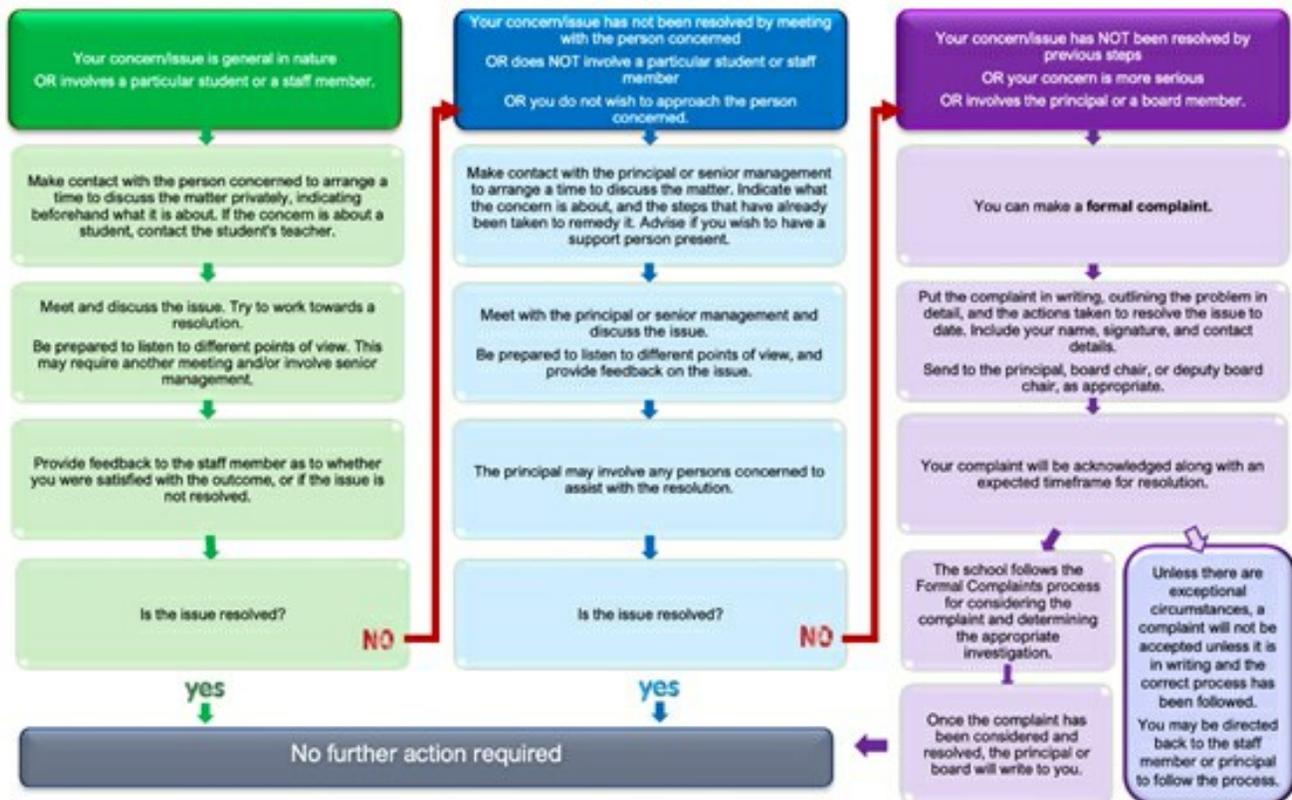
At Tawhai School we are always trying to do the very best we can to ensure optimum learning conditions are in place for all our learners. We are a self reviewing school and constantly looking at ways to improve the way we do things - your feedback and ideas are valued.

We would like to reinforce that if you have a concern or complaint social media is not the platform for voicing these.

Below is a flowchart which provides an overview of our school docs policy.

Concerns and Complaints Process

Most concerns can be resolved informally by discussions with the people concerned.



This flowchart aligns with the school's Concerns and Complaints policy and procedures.

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Helmets

Last year the BOT formulated a contract to ensure children are safe on bikes **and other foot propelled wheels**. Teachers are asking parents and children to sign these at Learning Conferences, please see Kelly if for any reason you have not signed it yet:

Foot propelled wheels includes: Scooters, Skates, Skateboards and rollerblades.

Every child travelling to and from school on wheels must:

- Always wear a Standards-approved safety helmet.
- Ride on footpath.
- Give way to people on the footpath.
- Cross roads safely, on foot and at pedestrian school crossings when available.
- Walk on foot through school grounds.
- Place their bicycles/scooters in the bicycle/scooter stands.
- Place other wheels in a safe place to avoid tripping.

❑ Not use foot propelled wheels in the school grounds during school hours (8.30am - 3.30pm), unless permitted.

Reminder

Friday 27 March is our Teacher Only Day

Please make alternative arrangements for your child's supervision on this day.

Ngā mihi nui

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