

School Newsletter

Thursday 03 March Week 05 Term 1 2022



Newlands
PRIMARY SCHOOL



Dates and Reminders

Friday 11 March

Teacher Only Day—school closed

Wednesday 30 March

School Board Meeting

Monday 11 April

School Photos

Thursday 14 April

Last day of Term 1

Click [here](#) to view the school calendar

Poster in Miro classroom; Garden to Table in the sun; Turf works underway

Kia ora, assalam-o-alaikum, ni hao, malo e lelei, talofa lava, kia orana, namaste and greetings to everyone



Thank you for your support since the notification of our first cases on Monday. While we understandably now have some absences, we continue to focus on ensuring our kura is as safe as possible for our tamariki to continue their learning at school.

The number of positive cases within our school remains small, as does the number of students who are required to isolate due to being household contacts. We appreciate the prompt and clear way families are communicating with us and following Ministry of Health guidelines. Under Phase 3 we are not required to contact trace, nor advise classrooms affected. However we have decided from here on to let you know about the first case that occurs in your child's classroom via an email, to ensure you can be extra vigilant for symptoms. We will not be giving any updates of increasing numbers.

The guidelines around managing positive cases, household contacts, and kura have not changed, so from now on we will only email whole school COVID-19 updates if there are changes to procedures to report. At present, we can only reconfirm the current guidelines as follows:

- Monitor your children for any symptoms relating to COVID-19.
- If your child has COVID-19 symptoms, take them for a test - *please do not go for a test if your child is not displaying any symptoms.*
- If you have a positive case in your household please advise the school. You will need to isolate for 10 days and follow Ministry of Health guidelines in regard to testing.
- **School is open** - if your children are well, please continue to send them as normal.

For those who have students who have tested positive or are household contacts, we thank you for advising us, and for keeping in touch with your progress. We also appreciate everyone keeping unwell students at home. We are extremely gratified that everyone is following the Ministry guidelines by sending your children to school if they are well. We continue to follow all safety precautions including wearing masks, social distancing where possible, classes working individually, a lot of outside activities, and good hygiene practices.

It is interesting to note that current Ministry of Education data has indicated that the actual spread within New Zealand schools is only around 4%, due to good hygiene and high compliance with other safety measures, with the bulk of the spread (approximately 96%) occurring outside of school.

Hybrid Learning

For those students who are required to isolate, we offer online at home learning. We are able to email home a week of online learning to you on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday. If you advise on a Thursday or Friday the need to isolate, you will be able to join online learning from the following Monday. If you are unable to access a device, please contact your classroom teacher to discuss options.

The biggest difference between home learning this time compared to previous times is that teachers are teaching full time in the classroom while there are online learners at home. At this stage they will only be able to provide feedback and advice to our online learners outside teaching and after school meeting hours. The week of learning provided will mirror as much as possible the learning that is currently happening in the classroom.

For families who are not required to isolate but are choosing to for various precautionary reasons, please contact the school office and register your interest for home learning if your child will be home for a prolonged period.

Note: Home Learning is for students who can expect to be at home for a week or more, rather than a day or two.

Wellbeing and Anxiety

With COVID-19, protests in Wellington, and now the situation in Ukraine, there is a lot happening both close to home and in the world that can be worrying for our tamariki if they hear about it. A good way to manage any worries that they may have is to be the calm, non-anxious adult in our child's life (even if we are worried ourselves). The Parenting Place has a wealth of information freely available on their website on how to talk to our children, and help them work through their feelings and concerns. You can find them [here](#).

Ngā mihi

Shirley Porteous

Teacher Only Day—Friday 11 March

School Closed



We are looking forward to our teachers professional development day on Friday 11 March. There is no school that day. sKids will be open if you need care for your child, and you can contact them at: www.sKids.co.nz/newlands with enquiries.

Pohutukawa class making nests for N week



Watching the crane



Community Notices

Goodtime Music Academy

- Lessons on site at NPS
- www.goodtimemusicacademy.co.nz

Newlands Scouts

- Keas 6-8 years
 - Cubs 8-11 years
 - Scouts 11-14 years
- newlands@group.scouts.nz

Click [here](#) to see the school website community notices

New additions:

Leaping Lizards Dance Classes
www.leaping-lizards.co.nz

Next Chapter Parenting Course
www.nextchapterparenting.co.nz

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