

25th March 2022

Dear parents/caregivers and whānau,

Today is a brief newsletter with a COVID update and some reminders.

COVID-19 update:

We have had no additional student cases who were potentially infectious at school. This is good news, but staff will continue to be vigilant with hygiene and ventilation practices.

From Week 9 any student sent home with COVID symptoms will also receive a Rapid Antigen Test to take home with them. Please use this and report the result back to the school.

As a result of a recent announcement from the Prime Minister there are changes to the Covid response system, with the vaccine mandate being removed from 11.59pm Friday 25th.

There are likely to be other changes after the review of Alert Levels on Monday 4th April. I will update you as soon as I have clear information on each change.

Self Isolating: This remains the same. The following is from the Ministries of Health and Education. I apologise for the length, but it does clarify some of the confusion - even if it is a bit long winded!

For households where someone has COVID-19, the Ministry of Health recommends you apply the following guidance.

- If someone becomes a confirmed COVID-19 case, then that case and all other people in their household must isolate for seven days.
- If someone else in the household then tests positive for COVID-19 during those seven days:
 - the isolation period for that person only re-sets – that person must isolate for an additional seven days from the day they test positive or symptoms begin
 - other household contacts who do not test positive are still able to leave isolation after the original case has completed their seven days isolation.

For the next 10 days after a household completes seven days isolation, evidence shows that due to their exposure to COVID-19 they are less likely to catch or transmit the virus. This means:

- if someone else in the household tests positive within those 10 days, the whole household will not have to re-isolate, only the positive case

- if someone else in the household tests positive and it has been more than 10 days since the household completed isolation, household contacts should re-isolate along with the new case for seven days.
- Any person who has had COVID-19 within the last 90 days/three months will not need to isolate as a household contact unless they become symptomatic and test positive again. This is because reinfection rates for people who have had COVID-19 are low for the three months after they have the virus.

Link to information: [What does it mean if I am a household contact? – Ministry of Health](#)

Friday Lunches:

In Term 2 we will be restarting Friday lunch orders. We are looking for parent volunteers to support this. With recent COVID-19 changes volunteers no longer need to be vaccinated.

If you are interested in coming along and running this on Fridays or just to find out what is involved, please contact Bekki in the office. office@mgk.school.nz

Pool Keys:

Just a reminder that all pool keys are due to be returned to the office by the end of the term, Thursday 14th April.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jarrad Pook, our caretaker, for all the work that has gone into maintaining the pool throughout the season.

Easter Raffle:

Just a reminder that tickets will be on sale as of 29/03 and the raffle will be drawn 13/04 (just in time for Easter Weekend).

Proceeds will be going towards literary and robotic science resources for the school.

A huge thank you to all those who have made a donation to the school for this raffle and to the MoMs group for all their organising.



Netball Season:

The netball season is getting closer and we are looking for parents who would like to coach a team this year. If you are interested can you please contact Simon principal@mgk.school.nz by Monday 28th March.

Celebrating Student Success:

Pukeko paper making day:



Pukeko taniwha stories:

