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**TERM 1. WEEK 5.**  
**WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENTS**  
**Marnie** in Mrs. Patel's Homeroom.

- **COVID 19 UPDATE**

Kia ora koutou,

During Phase 3 of the Omicron response Kilbirnie School's focus is on the health and wellbeing of our children, staff and community. We are closely following the Ministry of Health guidance for schools and are appreciative of the support we are getting from our community. We are also committed to maintaining quality teaching and learning for our students. Homeroom and where possible extracurricular programmes are operating well as usual.

While we still have not had a student positive while attending school, the number of our students isolating due to a member of their household being a confirmed case is steadily increasing. We also have several staff who are isolating for the same reason. When we do become aware that a student has been in the school while positive all school whānau will receive an email from me. Please don't be alarmed, it is only natural as cases in our community increase, they will appear in our school. Our systems for minimising spread within the school have been well advertised to you and all of these will be maintained. Most other local schools have already had students positive while at school.

Please get in touch with us immediately if your child has tested positive for COVID-19 or if they are isolating due to a household contact being positive. We will discuss the return to school date with you and the Homeroom teacher will then be in touch in regard to distance learning. Remember that at Phase 3 of the Omicron response, only positive cases and household contacts are legally required to isolate. The graphics below explain contacts and also a self-isolation plan. There is a helpful tool on the Unite Against COVID-19 website which calculates a person's isolation period. [Find it here.](#)

- **At Kilbirnie School:**

We are staying open unless we are eventually unable to safely staff the school.

We are using public health measures to reduce the risk in our settings, including hygiene practises, masks, physical distancing and ventilation.

We have appropriate cleaning procedures in place.

- **Our school community should:**

You and your whānau should be very vigilant about monitoring for symptoms.

If any symptoms develop, get tested immediately.

Then, stay at home until you receive a negative result, AND until you or your child is symptom free for at least 48 hours.

Wear a face mask at all times when on the Kilbirnie School grounds.

Minimise visits to school. Don't enter the Matairangi or Whātaimai hubs unless absolutely necessary.

Wash hands often with soap for 20 seconds and dry your hands completely.

Wash your hands if you have been in a public place or after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing.

# How to work out your 10 days of self-isolation



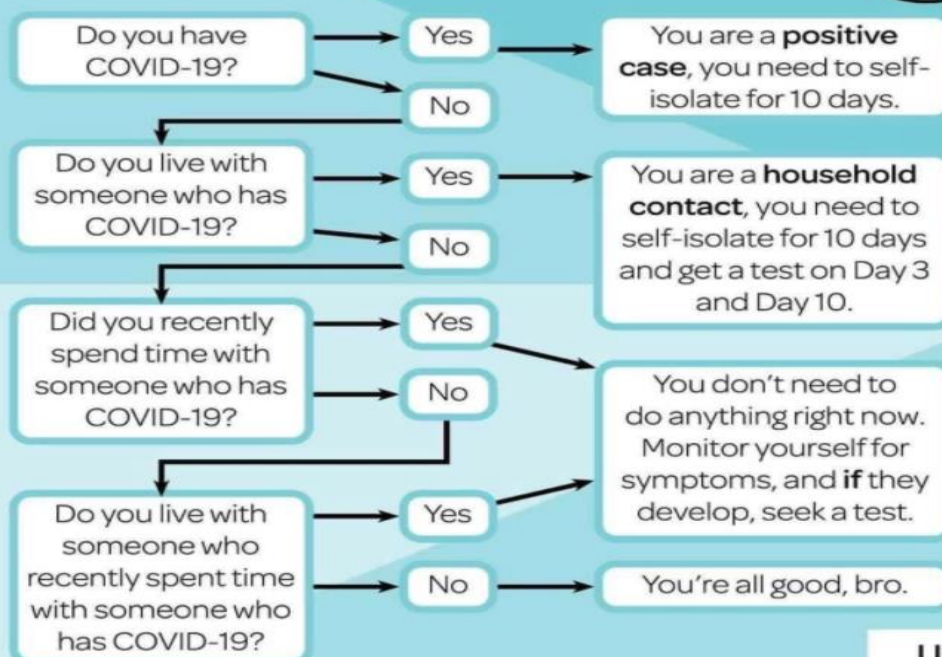
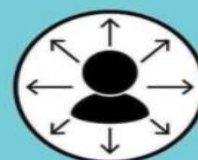
Find out what you need to do if:	you are positive for COVID-19	you are a Household Contact (living with a positive case)*
Day 0	The day you test positive or start experiencing symptoms, whichever is earliest.	Your Day 0 is the same Day 0 as the first positive case in your household.
Day 3	-	Get a Day 3 test today, or sooner if symptoms develop. If it's positive, start a new 10 days of self-isolation.
Day 10	-	Get a Day 10 test today, or sooner if symptoms develop. If it's positive, start a new 10 days of self-isolation.
Day 11	After 10 days, as long as you are free of COVID-19 symptoms, you will be free to leave self-isolation.	After 10 days, as long as you have a negative Day 10 test result and no COVID-19 symptoms, you will be free to leave self-isolation.

start over if you test positive

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## What type of contact are you?



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## • KILBIRNIE SCHOOL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.

At Kilbirnie School we hold our Policies and Procedures online with **schooldocs.co.nz**. We follow a schedule of review which takes feedback from the School Board, staff and also parents depending on the particular policy being reviewed. The Board reviews collated feedback and policies are updated as required.

Schooldocs have made some changes to the process of policy review in 2022. There are now more policies and procedures for review each term, some are **key** and some are **optional**. We intend to focus on the **key** reviews. While you are able to comment on all policies, we will identify those with most relevance for parents and whānau each term. Staff and the school Board will focus more specifically on others. Below are the policies for this term which we have identified as **key** and highly relevant for parents and whānau.

We welcome feedback on:

- **Visitors**
- **School Closure**
- **Earthquakes**
- **Covid information and procedures**
- **Covid 19 Red Level**
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Follow these instructions if you would like to participate in Kilbirnie School policy review:

1. **Visit the Kilbirnie School website.**
2. **Go to the "About Us" tab and select "Policies and Procedures". Note the username and password. Click to enter the Kilbirnie School, "School Docs" site.**
3. **Click the "Current Review" button at the top of the page.**
4. **Read the "Reporting to Parents" policy.**
5. **Click the Red "Under Review" badge at the top right-hand corner of the page.**
6. **Select the reviewer type "Parent".**
7. **Enter your name (optional).**
8. **Submit your ratings and comments.**



- **CARE VALUES- a message from Asha.**

For the benefit of our new whanau to the school, below is a brief outline of what C.A.R.E is and what it represents to us at Kilbirnie School.

Several years ago, the staff participated in Professional Development, where we reviewed our Mission Statement and the Values that we thought were important to implement in our school. As a team, we came up with the following acronym, which we felt encompassed all the Values that students should be displaying.

## **C.A.R.E** is an acronym for:

- **CONFIDENCE** (Whakamanawa):  
Responsibility, Independence, Curiosity, Innovation
- **ACHIEVEMENT** (Whakatutukanga):  
Excellence, Creativity, Inquiry, Resilience
- **RESPECT** (Manaakitanga):  
Consideration, Honesty, Integrity, Diversity
- **EMPATHY** (Ngakau Aroha):  
Compassion, Kindness, Whānau, Gratitude



One Value is focused on each term starting with Confidence. The Values are emphasized and reinforced by Teachers across the whole school.

In the foyer of our Administration Block we have a C.A.R.E notice board, where the Value of the term is prominently displayed and examples of student work and how students have demonstrated the Value are displayed. Below are some photos of students who have shown confidence participating in a range of activities around the school.

Parents are kept informed of the Value for each term, via newsletters and are encouraged to reinforce the Value at home. By doing this, we feel that both school and home have input into how our children become valued citizens.





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- **CONFIDENCE AROUND THE SCHOOL THIS TERM.**

**Cade and Giuseppe show confidence as peer mediators.**

“As peer mediators our job is to make kids feel happy. We want to make them have a great day. We don’t want kids to feel lonely or sad. We help with problems.”







**Lila is showing confidence on the climbing wall.**

"I am learning to go up the climbing wall. I had to hold on tight and push with my feet"

**Sylvia is showing confidence through dance.**

"I am learning dance in the hall with Charlotte. We had music on, it was calming music to dance to. We also got to dance with ribbons".



- **SCIENCE IN THE MATAIRANGI HUB.**



“We have been learning about the PH scale in science. We used red cabbage water to work out if things were acidic or basic.

We tested vinegar and baking soda. The darker the colour change the more acidic. The change in colour is caused by a chemical reaction.”

**By Lachie and Tierney.**

- **KILBIRNIE SCHOOL DONATION LETTER COMING HOME ON NEXT WEEK.**

Each year we request a voluntary, tax deductible donation from the families of Kilbirnie School. As a state funded school, we receive an operations grant from the government. As we are a Decile 10 school we receive the lowest amount of operational funding per student that is available. We are also ineligible for the government “no donation” scheme which applies to decile 1-7 schools only. The amount we receive from the government is quite simply insufficient to allow us to offer the quality, broad-based curriculum that we aim to provide for the students of Kilbirnie School.

We have two main methods of obtaining the funds needed to make up the shortfall – the fundraising work of the Parentlink group and the school donation. We have been extremely fortunate that at Kilbirnie School our community has always responded positively to the annual request for the donation as well as giving time and money to support the events run by Parentlink.





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- NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY.**

As part of the Seeds to Feeds Festival, the Hataitai team are hosting a community dinner next Wednesday 9 March 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

The Hataitai Local Kai Box will feature potatoes grown by our very own Kilbirnie School students, as part of our Garden to Table programme.

Seeds to Feeds is all about making connections in our community, and celebrating locally grown food.

For further details, and to buy tickets for a Kai boxes

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/seedstofeeds/657191>







# Hataitai Village Market

Saturday 5 March  
10.00am - 2.00pm



Art, Crafts, Comics, Vintage, Plants...



hataitai centre, 157 hataitai road (former bowling club)



## Suzanne Aubert Scout Group

Located at: St Anne's Hall, 22 Emmett St Newtown

New adventures are waiting. Come join the fun in the outdoors!  
No membership fees until term 2. So come give Scouting a go!  
Come and join us on Monday nights:

- Keas (5 to 8 year olds) 6.30 – 7.30pm
- Cubs (8 to 11 year olds) 6.30 – 8pm
- Scouts (11 to 14 year olds) 6.30 – 8pm

For more details either email [SuzanneAubert@group.scouts.nz](mailto:SuzanneAubert@group.scouts.nz)  
or contact Rob McCullough on 0221771007.

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## COVID-19 Response Team

Phone : 04 889 2023  
Email : [vicar@allsaints.org.nz](mailto:vicar@allsaints.org.nz)

All Saints have prepared a response team to add to the pool of people who are mobilized and prepared to help those who are at home isolating or are unwell as Omicron impacts our community. Simply call or email (calling will be faster with a team of people ready to respond) if you need support or assistance during this time. Grocery shopping, picking up click and collects, picking up medicine, walking pets etc.