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TERM 1. WEEK 7.

• COVID 19 UPDATE

Kia ora koutou,

This is the latest of the Covid updates this term. These have generally been on Fridays unless it has been necessary to provide our community with immediate information. These updates will continue for the remainder of this term as we work through the Omicron situation. We have had another busy week at Kilbirnie School, the atmosphere around the kura remains calm and engaged. We continue to manage the impacts of Omicron without significant disruption to our operations to date. There continue to be no new occasions during which a student is likely to have been infectious with Covid 19 while at school. Currently we have no staff isolating as household contacts or having tested positive.

There are two main reasons for Kilbirnie School students being absent at the moment. We have students isolating at home because a household member has tested positive for Covid. We also have students who have presented with cold-like symptoms and are monitoring these while isolating at home. Students continue to return to school after their isolation period. Distance learning has been available for students who have been isolating but not unwell.

I would like to thank whānau for continuing to keep students at home if they have symptoms. I can't overstate the importance of this. If any symptoms develop, keep your child at home until they receive a negative result, AND until the child is symptom free for at **least 48 hours**. Please also:

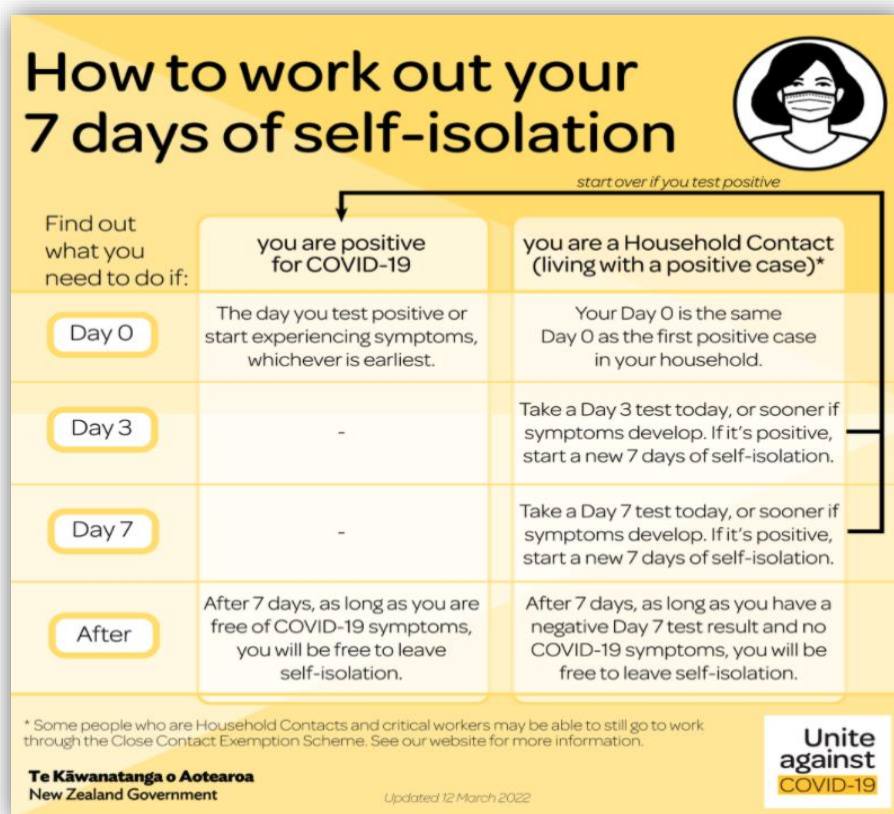
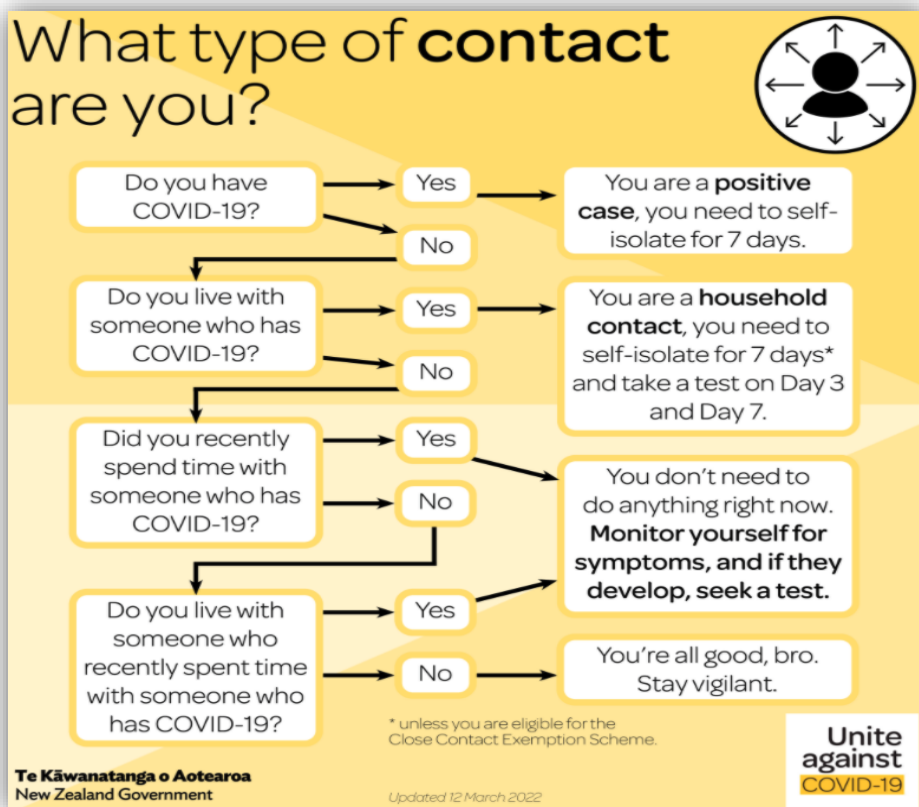
- Wear a face mask at all times when on the Kilbirnie School grounds.
- Minimise visits to school. Don't enter the Matairangi or Whāitaitai hubs unless absolutely necessary.

At Kilbirnie School:

- Our focus is on the health and wellbeing of our children, staff and community
- 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.
- We are also committed to maintaining quality teaching and learning for our students.
- Homeroom and where possible extracurricular programmes are operating well as usual.



• **UPDATED CHARTS- CONTACTS AND SELF ISOLATION.**





- **TEACHER ONLY DAY- FRIDAY APRIL 1ST.**

The Kāhui Ako teacher only day will go ahead on Friday April 1st. This bi-cultural hui, involving 13 schools from across the Eastern Suburbs, was postponed last year. We have recently worked through amendments to the programme to allow this day to proceed without bringing staff from the different schools together in person. The hui will operate online.

**Therefore, please note that:
Kilbirnie School will be closed on
Friday April 1st.**

- **LEARNING CONFERENCES.**

Earlier this term we offered parents an opportunity to meet with classroom teachers to learn about classroom and hub programmes. We also offered parents the opportunity to meet individually with the classroom teacher and provide information about their child. These meetings were all held online due to Covid 19. This year we are going to hold the first round of learning conferences involving the teacher, the student and their whānau in week 2 of next term. These are generally held in the last week of term 1. This means there may be the potential to hold the meetings in person which is our preference for learning conferences. This will depend on the Covid 19 situation at the time. If necessary these meeting will be held online.

**Kilbirnie School Learning Conferences.
Wednesday May 11 and Thursday May 12.**

- **KILBIRNIE SCHOOL DONATION.**

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. Donation letters came home recently.



- CARE VALUES.**

Some wonderful examples of our students demonstrating the Kilbirnie School CARE values recently. **Cade** received an award for exemplifying RESPECT, **Puipui** for CONFIDENCE and **Havana** for EMPATHY. **Hugo and Fred** are currently on duty as peer mediators caring for students in the playground at lunchtime.



“Empathy is when you are looking after other people and caring for them”.
By Havana.



- **MATAIRANGI HUB- TRI-ACTIVE DAY AT THE ASB AND THE REC CENTRE.**



Matairangi students were lucky to get the chance to learn Ki o Rahi and Pickle Ball at ASB Sports Centre. Later in the day they moved to the Recreation Centre in Kilbirnie and learned how to rollerblade safely. They had a wonderful time.

“I liked roller blading the most. You had to balance and move forward. It was really fun to do.” **By Khiet.**



- SEEDS TO FEEDS- a message from Bec.



The annual Seeds to Feeds festival celebrates local Wellington's unique communities by connecting neighbours over nourishing plates of kai. Once again, the Garden to Table programme at Kilbirnie School contributed to this great event.

On Wednesday 9 March the Hataitai Seeds to Feeds team ran their community event, preparing Hataitai Kai Boxes available for a koha. The kai boxes were made from local veges, herbs, and fruit – including yummy potato salad, prepared from potatoes grown by the Garden to Table programme at Kilbirnie School!

Proceeds from the event are generously going to be shared with the Garden to Table programme at Kilbirnie and Hataitai Schools.





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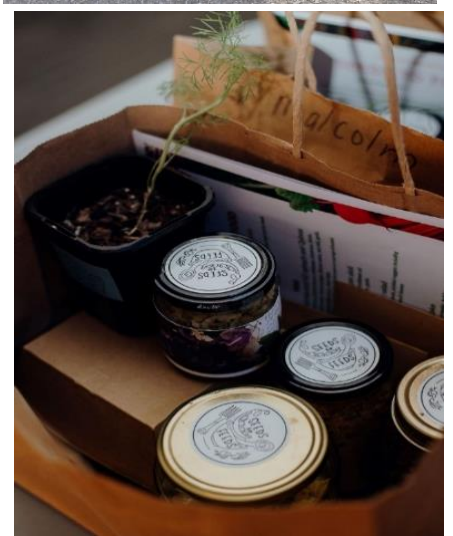


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- **NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY.**

Volleyball lessons at Victoria University. Learn or improve your volleyball skills. Ages 5 and up. For more information contact Josette at 02102493755 or j_delgado10@live.com
Sundays from 10:30-11:30am

We invite you, your family, friends and neighbours to join us at Hataitai Village Green, 157 Hataitai Road on Sunday 27 March 11am-2pm to celebrate Neighbours' Day and the International Festival of Food. Recently a fence mural project has been undertaken, led by local artist Peter Coates, where many nationalities have been painted in their traditional dress, dancing together to show what a multi-cultural society we live in here in New Zealand.

This will be an outdoor BYO food and drinks event so bring a picnic blanket - let's hope it's a fine, sunny day! We suggest you bring a favourite dish of your chosen country with you. In the current conditions we may not be able to share food but a wonderful suggestion is that we share recipes of national dishes. To do this, we'd appreciate it if you could email me (by 20 March) to franceslefort@gmail.com a recipe for your favourite national dish, we'll compile a booklet to share with whoever in the community wants it.

Here's hoping all goes according to plan, we look forward to seeing you on 27 March. Everyone over 12 is required to bring their double-vaccinated passes. See below for link - <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-vaccines/my-covid-record-proof-vaccination-status> You have to register and then fill out a form to get the pass that you can download.

What: RNZB's performance of [Cinderella](#)

When: Thursday 4th August 12.30pm

Running time: 60 mins approx

Where: St. James Theatre, Wellington

Cost: \$15 per ticket

How to book: contact the RNZB Ticketing Team on 04 831 1056 or subscribe@rnzb.org.nz

[Cinderella](#) is a new ballet, choreographed by Loughlan Prior who created our amazing production of *Hansel & Gretel* in 2019, with a magical new score by New Zealand composer Claire Cowan. This thoroughly modern Cinderella presents a sparkly, stylish twist on the classic tale, with a heroine who knows her own mind and a hero who follows his heart. Magical and well-known to school-aged students, it's a "must see" for all!



COVID-19 Response Team

Phone : 04 889 2023
Email : 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.



WELLINGTON FOOTBALL CLUB (INC) – *founded 1870*

Looking for a winter sport for your children? Come and join the **Wellington Rugby Football Club** "Axeman".

We have excellent facilities and are centrally located on the edge of the town belt above Hataitai.

We are steeped in 150 years of history and pride ourselves on our community and family friendly culture.

The Junior Club caters for pre-school ripper through to year 8 tackle and our qualified coaches focus on building team skills, improving confidence and giving kids (and the parents) the opportunity to have a lot of fun!

The season gets underway in April 2022 so please register by picking on the link below

[Wellington Football Club-Wellington Football Club \(sporty.co.nz\)](https://www.wellingtonfootballclub.co.nz/sporty.co.nz)



Hataitai Village Market

Saturday 2 April
10.00am - 2.00pm



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



Support local



hataitai centre, 157 hataitai road (former bowling club)