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- Wed 2nd Mar Swimming Sports
- Thur 3rd Mar Year 12 Bio Trip
- Thur 10th Mar—Fri 11th Mar
Year 7&8 Life Education Trust

Principal's Message

Kia ora whānau

Front page news of this newsletter is, of course, what 'COVID Red - Phase 3' looks like for schools.

With COVID cases escalating, schools around the country are unable to keep track of contact tracing. Therefore, the new guidelines under Phase 3 help schools and the Ministry with management of this increasing workload.

As mentioned in earlier correspondence, a primary objective is to keep schools functioning onsite for as long as possible.

If you want to skip the next bit and jump to the summary - see page 2 of this newsletter.

Under Phase 3 the traditional PCR testing is being safeguarded for the highest priority cases. There is no way the PCR-based testing system will cope with the quantity of tests required to address the number of cases across Aotearoa. The alternative RAT (Rapid Antigen Testing) tests are quicker, cheaper... but also less reliable. RATs will become a big part of NZ's response in Phase 3. Schools will have access to RATs for staff on an individual, case-by-case basis. This will help us keep the teaching staff in front of classes if a teacher has a positive case within their household. If the teacher is determined to be a critical person required to keep the school running, we can apply for a RAT and they can be tested and return to school - under a strict set of conditions.

Phase 3 assumes that COVID cases will become commonplace within our community, and therefore within our schools. It is still essential for staff and students to stay home if we show any symptoms of COVID. Getting tested and notifying the school if you test positive is also very important. This is now the responsibility of parents and caregivers - not the Ministry of Health. This medical information will remain totally confidential and no one will ever be named.

Have a read of the CPF information on page 2 and if you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to give us a call.

Kia pai te rā whakatā!

Jason Reid

Principal





COVID - CPF Phase 3 Overview

Here is the short version of what happens under the CPF Red - Phase 3:

- If you've got any COVID symptoms, stay home and get tested.
- If you test positive you will have to isolate with your household for 10 days.
- If a student (or school staff) tests positive, notify the school immediately. You can text this information to 027 3298919 at any time of the day or night. The specifics of this information will be kept confidential. A generic message will be sent to selected groups of parents/caregivers that there was a positive case within a group, and to monitor for symptoms. There are no isolation requirements for 'close contacts' under Phase 3.
- Keep up the wearing of masks and other hygiene measures while at school.

For students who are isolating and asymptomatic, school work will be provided. No work will be expected from students who are sick. For whānau who are choosing to stay home, school work will not be provided due to staff workload issues. However, if work is already being produced for isolating students then the teacher may be able to provide this to students who are choosing to stay home. This will only happen as long as it does not significantly add to the teacher's workload.

As the number of isolating students and staff increases, we will be looking at ways of keeping school open for instruction as long as we can. However, we may have to close for instruction if staff numbers become critical. In the meantime we may have to look at alternative ways of running the school, such as:

- Combined classes - e.g. merged Year 7/8 classes, Year 9/10 etc
- Rostering on/off year levels - e.g. Senior only days, junior only days

As the situation develops, we will keep whānau in the loop and attempt to provide as much notice as possible when changes are required.

We are aware that this provides a great deal of uncertainty over the next few weeks, and we appreciate the outstanding support and tolerance that our community has shown in these challenging times.





Athletics Day





Athletics 2022

Tournament House Results:

1st Godley 447 points
2nd Dobson 337 points
3rd Macaulay 322 points
4th Tasman 295 points

Tournament Champions:

Under 19 Boys Champion	Kieran Harris (Godley) 18 points
Under 19 Girls Champion	Sophie Kerr (Tasman) 23 points
Under 16 Boys Champion	Jack Cassie (Dobson) 23 points
Under 16 Girls Champion	Gracie Hellmrich (Dobson) 21 points
Under 14 Boys Champion	Sam Linklater (Godley) 21 points
Under 14 Girls Champion	Briannah Hadfield-Broatch (Dobson) 17 points
Under 12.5 Boys Champion	Jack McCabe (Macaulay) 23 points
Under 12.5 Girls Champion	Annabel Geary (Tasman) 19 points

Runners Up:

Under 19 Boys Runner Up	Ollie Nelson (Godley) 16 points
Under 19 Girls Runner Up	Maya Edmondson (Macaulay) 21 points
Under 16 Boys Runner Up	Luke Jordan (Godley) 19 points
Under 16 Girls Runner Up	Kaia McKenzie (Tasman) 19 points
Under 14 Boys Runner Up	Marcus Wilson (Dobson) 19 points
Under 14 Girls Runner Up	Rebecca Boon (Godley) 16 points
Under 12.5 Boys Runner Up	Sam Cassie (Dobson) 13 points
Under 12.5 Girls Runner Up	Lizzie Jamieson (Macaulay) 11 points







Mackenzie / Cave Hockey

Mackenzie/Cave hockey 2022 – Registrations open

The Mackenzie/Cave hockey club welcomes registrations for new AND existing players. Please email Lee-Ann with your child’s name, DOB, and your contact details.

To see more information about our club, join our Facebook page Mackenzie Cave Hockey Club to keep up to date.

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact Lee-Ann on leeann.hellier@gmail.com

Registrations to be in by the 31st of March!

Lost Property

Several school jackets	White Evolution bike helmet
Girls brown school shoes	Pair of blue headphones
Several drink bottles	Silver ring
School tie	Boys green school shorts
White sports bag	Dark blue board shorts
Blue padmate	





Athletics Day





MACKENZIE COLLEGE

ARA O TE TIKI - THE PATHWAY TO WISDOM



MĀNĀAKITĀNGA

KINDNESS AND RESPECT



ASPIRE

WAWATA



GRIT

NIWHA



INTEGRITY

TIKA



CREATIVITY

AUAHA

MANAAKITANGA - ASPIRE - GRIT - INTEGRITY - CREATIVITY