

2 March 2022

## Principal's Pen

Dear parents & caregivers,

I hope this finds you managing to keep as safe & well as possible. This week's NewsSheet is short and sweet.

As we head into Week 4 we are starting to see a daily rise in Covid positive cases in our school and this obviously has a flow on effect with household contacts having to isolate also. Household Contact isolation is also having an effect on staffing and unfortunately there is a limited number of options for us. Thank you all for your understanding, as there will be changes and disruption at short notice, but rest assured we will be doing our best to ensure that classes remain at school.

The following excerpt is from the Health.Govt website for your information should you be or have a Covid positive member of your household:

### **Positive cases**

- *The isolation period for COVID-19 cases in the community is 10 days. If you are still sick, stay home.*
- *Start counting the 10 days from day zero (0). Day 0 is the day that your symptoms started or that you got tested (if you do not have any symptoms).*
- *Your household members will need to remain in isolation with you until your 10 days is complete.*

If the positive person had symptoms the day before their test, that is Day 0. Day 1 starts the day they were tested, assuming that was the following day. If they were asymptomatic then Day 0 is the day of your test and the following day is Day 1. I hope this helps, and I hear you, it's pretty confusing at times. I would suggest you err on the side of caution if you are unsure and use the extra day.

From next week I will no longer be sending updates to individual classes about positive cases. There are cases across the school now and I will send out less frequent general notifications or updates. Please help by being super vigilant looking for the signs of Covid-19 in your family & whānau.

This week we have a Swimming New Zealand Aquatics facilitator at school working with teachers and children on how to develop water safety skills. This relates directly to the Health Curriculum and these sessions are being run in line with strict Covid-19 protocols. It is a very important thing for all your children and our staff.

I want to thank you all for the amazing way you are bringing or sending your children to school. They are relishing in the added independence that being able to walk themselves from the gates to their classroom gives them. I know it is hard at times, but guess what, they are all getting there themselves and they will still need their mum's, dad's or whoever else is dropping them at the gate just the same as if you were walking them into their classroom.

Take care and do everything you can to stay safe.

Kind regards

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## Upcoming Dates

Upcoming dates are published on the homepage of the school website and on the Calendar section of the School App.

### **Term 1 2022**

Monday 7 March - Board meeting 6.00pm

Thursday 14 April - last day term 1

Friday 15 April - Good Friday - school closed

### **Term 2 2022**

Monday 2 May - first day of term 2

Friday 6 May - Mihi Whakatau 10.30am

Tuesday 17 May - Class & Individual photos

## NPS School App

Don't miss out on what is happening at school. Download the school app and set up the correct notifications for class and team to suit you and your child/ren. Go to the App Store and search 'SchoolAppNZ'. Once downloaded search for Northcote Primary School. This is the one place to find out everything going on at and about our school.

