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**School Newsletter 6**

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Dear Parents/Caregivers    Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

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# Principal's message: COVID-19 Update

As expected there has been an **increase in positive COVID-19 cases at our school this week.**

There are large case numbers in the wider community so an increase for us was predicted.

Last week we had a small number of staff members isolating, and a handful of students who tested positive (predominantly while in isolation).

Currently we have **18 positive cases in isolation.** Over half of these cases were isolating at the time of testing positive. But there are now, however, more students testing positive after being potentially infectious at school. Until this week, there had also not been any obvious spread within the school (mainly household transmission). But **Rm 9 have now had several positive cases in quick succession** - including more today. Most of these were potentially infectious at school.

As per our plans, we are continuing to limit contact between students and between groups of students. If the situation evolves other measures, to further restrict student interaction, will be taken and communicated with whanau. But any decisions will be carefully considered.

Ngā mihi nui    Noho ora mai

*Richard*

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# At School: Slowing the Spread of COVID-19

## Watching for symptoms

We are being very vigilant and anyone who has started to show any symptoms will go home. Thank you parents/caregivers - you are doing a terrific job keeping sick children at home.

## Mask wearing

This is a proven way of significantly minimising the spread of infection.

All Year 4-6 students and staff working with them are required to wear a mask when indoors.

**Year 3s** are now strongly encouraged to wear masks.

**Year 2s in Rms 9 & 10** are also encouraged to wear masks (if they able to do so properly).

## Informing Close Contacts: 'The Class'

We will continue to communicate with parents when positive cases were potentially infectious at school. As interaction with other students is restricted to outdoors and low risk activities, other classes are only identified as casual contacts and will not be informed of cases.

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# At Home: Slowing the Spread of COVID-19

## Watching for symptoms

Keep anyone with symptoms at home - and please keep siblings at home as a precaution too. In a number of cases, it has taken more than one test to confirm a positive case - and in many cases, after one sibling tests positive, others follow. They can be infectious before symptoms too so potentially can be spreading the virus through the school.

## Not everyone has symptoms

Watching for symptoms won't catch those who may be asymptomatic and potentially spreading the virus - only a test will do that. So if you have had recent contact with someone who is COVID positive, or have been at a high risk event, consider taking a test to confirm current status.

## Informing 'close contacts': Outside of school

If you or your child has tested positive and you have had recent contact with children and their families, it is important to let them know immediately. They do not need to isolate but may watch for symptoms or test for reassurance.

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# “COVID-19 Protocols: What do I do if ...”

## COVID-19 Flowchart for Whanau

(Updated for Phase 3)

**Please refer to this chart to inform you of any steps to take.**

### Updated guide to self-isolation

*You will need to self-isolate from others if you:*

are positive for COVID-19	live with a positive case
You must isolate at home or in suitable alternative accommodation. If you test positive for COVID-19, a health professional will help you decide if managed isolation is suitable for you.	You must isolate at home or in suitable alternative accommodation. If you test positive for COVID-19, a health professional will help you decide if managed isolation is suitable for you.
Isolate for 10 days from when you test positive	Isolate for 10 days
No further tests required unless directed to	Tests on Day 3 and Day 10

Financial support may be available - check our website to find out what you may be eligible for: [Covid19.govt.nz/financial-support/](https://www.Covid19.govt.nz/financial-support/)

This information is accurate as at 24 February 2022. However, it may be updated if phases of the Omicron response change. For the most up to date information, please visit our website at [www.Covid19.govt.nz](https://www.Covid19.govt.nz)

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# If our school has a positive COVID-19 Case

## Steps for school leadership to complete:

1. Identify **when the case was likely to be infectious.**

2. **Identify who may be considered 'Close Contacts'.**

3. **Notify 'Close Contacts'** as soon as possible.

This will be the class only - unless there are specific reasons to include other students/staff within the 'close contact' category too.

4. **Update the school community regularly** regarding the extent of cases throughout the school.

This will be completed weekly via the school newsletter - UNLESS the current situation evolves and it is essential to update whanau quickly.

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# Staff News

Congratulations to **Sarah Burnett** who has won a position at as a Founding Deputy Principal at a new primary school in Orewa.

The school is due to open in 2023 but Sarah's position starts in Term 2 of this year so we will farewell her in an appropriate manner in a few weeks!

It has been a wish of Sarah's to be involved in opening a new school and I am sure she will thrive with the challenge ahead.

All this means we will be looking to **appoint a new Deputy Principal/Junior School Leader** as soon as we can. That process will start shortly.

Staff, students and parents will be updated with any progress.

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# Year 1-6 Netball Registrations 2022

If your child would like to play netball this year during terms 2 & 3 then please register using the following form; [Coatesville School Netball Registrations 2022](#)

## Years 1 - 4

Saturday mornings to mid-afternoons at Pinehurst School, \$75 per player.

## Year 5

Once the squad has been finalised, the team can choose to play at Pinehurst (Saturday mornings - \$75) or Netball North Harbour, Northcote (Wednesday afternoons/evenings - \$115)

## Year 6

Wednesday afternoons to early evenings at Netball North Harbour - \$115 per player

**Registrations close at 1pm on Thursday 10th March.**

Further information regarding the season, **including each competition's Covid-19 policy**, can be found on the [Netball page of our website](#) - [Jo Windust- Netball Coordinator](#)

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**NETBALL**  
NORTH HARBOUR





# Year 3-6 Hockey Registrations 2022

If your child would like to play hockey this year during terms 2 & 3 then please register using the following form; [Coatesville School Hockey Registrations 2022](#)



## Year 3 & 4 Teams

Monday afternoons at the North Harbour Hockey Turfs, Albany. \$120 per player.

## Year 5 & 6 Teams

Monday afternoons/evenings at the North Harbour Hockey Turfs, Albany. \$125 per player. *Please note that NHHA have changed the format for Year 5 & 6 teams to quarter turf competitions only.*



**Registrations close at 1pm on Thursday 10th March.**

Further information regarding the season, including **North Harbour Hockey's Covid-19 policy**, can be found on the [Hockey page of our website](#) - [Jo Windust- Hockey Coordinator](#)

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# Community Notices

MARIST NORTH HARBOUR RUGBY CLUB Calling All Juniors to sign up for the 2022 season!

Marist NH Junior Rugby caters for boys & girls from 5 to 13 years old, tackle and rippa.

Please register online at: [www.maristnh.co.nz](http://www.maristnh.co.nz) Enquiries can be made to [info@maristnh.co.nz](mailto:info@maristnh.co.nz)

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