

Inspiring a love of learning through an education that values the development of the whole child

15 March 2022

Week 7, Term 1

Morena Koutou



Covid-19 situation - Our updated numbers since this morning's Edge announcement is 33 current cases:

Kākano: 5	Kererū: 8	Tūi: 2
Kōwhai: 2	Tōtara: 3	Ngaio: 3
Kaikōmako: 6	Kākāriki: 4	Staff with Covid: 2

Total number self-isolating due to being a household contact: 7 children and 2 staff

All classes have teachers and are operating normally.

Edge App and Attendance Codes: Parents who have downloaded the Edge app can view their child's attendance and the codes that teachers are required by the Ministry of Education to record by their name. There is a long list of them, however the ones that are likely to concern us are:



- ? Not known - no explanation (Jillian follows up)
- E - Explained but unjustified (MoE provide guidance around this)
- F - Off site or learning from home
- G – Holiday in term time
- J – Explained and justified
- L - Late
- M - Medical
- N - School activity
- P - Present
- Q - School trip or camp

We are usually using P and J, occasionally E, M and there are a few L's every day. Occasionally there is a mistake where a teacher has accidentally used the wrong code. Please let us know if this happens and we will change it. Please also understand these codes are a requirement of us.

If a child arrives in the classroom after 8:55am, codes are sent to the office straight away. They will be marked with an L. We will not be changing that.

The Ministry of Education has specifically told us in writing to mark children who are staying home solely because their parents don't want them at school while Covid is in the school as **E - Explained but unjustified**. However we have discretion if there are particular circumstances and I have told Jillian that any children who are away due to having vulnerable whānau are to be marked **F (Home learning)**.

It is therefore very important to let us know the reason a child is absent so that our information sent to the Ministry is accurate and complies with the codes we are *required* to record. We rarely use the E code (Explained but unjustified). We know there are circumstances that happen in every family that may not

fit into a classification neatly. For example, grandparents visiting who haven't seen their grandchildren for a long time, or a special family occasion. Usually if you have explained the situation then J will be used. However these situations should be rare - a pattern of staying away for non-health related reasons will result in E being used.

The Ministry send the school data on attendance every year. This is important information for me and the board as it provides data that contributes to our overall picture of engagement and achievement.

Birthday's this week - Happy Birthday - Ra whanau ki a koe.... Jacob Taite



Immersion Strand Whanau hui on Wednesday 16 March from 7-8.30pm will be via zoom. A link will be sent to all Immersion Strand parents via email.

Netball Season is Coming Soon! Registrations for the 2022 netball season are now open! Otari School plays in the Wellington West satellite against others schools in the area. Games are held every Saturday during terms 2 and 3 at Cardinal McKeefry School. The cost is \$80 per player for the season. All registered players must commit to training and playing for the whole season (terms 2 and 3). If you'd like to register your child or to find out more, please email Susan (susan@otari.school.nz) by Friday 18th March at the latest.



Taonga Horomata/Virtues: Pūmau, Ngākau Pono / Loyalty

Loyalty is unwavering commitment to the people and ideals we care about.
We are steadfast through good times and bad.
Even when others disappoint us, we are resilient and forgiving.



Wisdom from the Māori world: Tōtika - balance
Mahia i runga i te rangimārie me te ngākau māhaki –
With a peaceful mind and respectful heart, we will always get the best results



Activity	Who's Involved	Date & Time	Cost
Vision/Hearing Testing	Yr 7s, New Entrants	Mon 11 Apr, 9.00am	

Have a great week everyone.

Ngā mihi
Clifford

2022 Term Dates

Term 1: Tues 1 Feb – Wed 13 Apr
Term 2: Mon 2 May – Fri 8 Jul
Term 3: Mon 25 Jul – Fri 30 Sept
Term 4: Mon 17 Oct – Wed 14 Dec
Teacher Only Days: 14 Apr, Fri 3 June, Fri 19 Aug

Year 7 Vision Testing – Information for parents

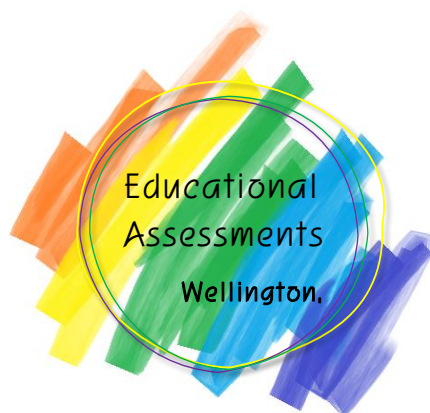
Regional Public Health provides a vision screening programme for all year 7 students.

- Vision – pupils will be advised of results at the time of screening. If further assessment is recommended you will be notified by mail.
- Children who wear glasses and/or are under professional care and have regular checks will not require a vision check from our service.

Non-Consent – please notify your school if you do not want your child being screened.

This screening is not a full assessment of your child's vision. If you have any concerns, please see an optometrist.

Upcoming
**COMMUNITY
EVENTS**



Young people can struggle with learning for a myriad of reasons, and consequently, it can be expressed in their behaviour, emotional regulation, motivation and more! We know this can be a very confusing and often challenging space for young people and their families to navigate.

If your child is struggling at school, a comprehensive learning assessment may provide you with a clear understanding of what is getting in the way of them reaching their learning potential. Our learning assessments can identify:

- Specific Learning Disorders
- A broader cognitive impairment such as an intellectual disability
- Specific emotional or behavioural difficulties.
- Gifted and talented learners
- Special Assessment Conditions.

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Or find more information on

<https://www.facebook.com/TaylorDaniEdPsych>



2022 Year 7&8

Player Development Programme (PDP)

This is a fun and engaging three-week programme endorsed by Netball New Zealand for this particular age group.

The PDP aims to provide more opportunities for girls and boys in Years 7&8 to play, explore and develop fundamental movement and basic netball skills AND make new friends in the process!

Attendees build up to a FunFest game day attended by teams from all three Wellington Junior Netball Satellites.

When/where: Sunday 2 May
Sunday 9 May
Sunday 16 May
Sunday 23 May - FunFest! (Hataitai)

Where: Cardinal McKeefry School

Time: 1.30-3.30 pm

Cost: \$40 per player



Register online: <https://www.sporty.co.nz/wwnetball/year-78-Development>

Registrations close: Sunday 24 April

Any enquiries email: wwnppcoordinator@gmail.com

If keen to be involved as a coach, please email.

KAPI-MANA MUSIC FESTIVAL 2022

Queen's Birthday Weekend
Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 June

Performing Arts Centre
Pātaka Art + Museum, Porirua

Open to school students in the
greater Wellington region – all
instruments and voice at all levels

Enter online from 13 April 2022
Closing date: **15 May**

Full details at
www.kapimanamusic.org.nz

