

Be Safe

Be Respectful

Be A Learner

April 2023

I can't believe it's ALREADY the last week of Term. Term 1 has been so much FUN! Here are some dates and info for Term 2...

Trivia

Thanks to everyone who has brought in items for the Hamper to raffle.

Don't forget to sell your tickets over the holidays!

The raffle is an awesome prize! Also get a table together and come take part in an awesome night of FUN! We have so many prizes to win on the night!

Parent Breakfast

Thanks to all who came along to share in such a delicious breakfast! I love having you at school and cooking for you 😊

Taekwondo

We are very excited to be again offering a term of Taekwondo in Term 2. When the start date is **confirmed I'll let you know**—Classes will be Wednesday from 1:45—3pm.

Drama Program

In term 2 and 3 we are offering a Drama program through Drama Victoria. I am very excited to be apart of this program. It will be run via Webex and In Person Classes.

Cross Country

8th of May (Monday) Merino CS will be hosting the day. We will be asking for assistance on the day. We will need help in the

canteen and out on course. Help before hand setting up and marking the course would also be appreciated. Slices and baked goods to be sold in the canteen will be a help too.

Term 1 Information

6th April—Term 1 Last Day—School Dismissal @ 2:30

Term 2 Dates

April

24th—Pupil Free—Teachers will be in attendance in Department training in Hamilton

25th — ANZAC DAY—

26th— Students Return

28th April—Trivia Evening

May

3rd—School Photos—Order forms to be handed out on the 26th April

8th—CDSSA Cross Country

12th—AFL Clinic

30th—Sommers Camp Depart

June

5th—7th -Principals Conference

6th—'A taste of Africa' Performance—Scared Heart and Dartmoor in attendance at Merino

12th—Long Weekend—Pupil Free Day

20th Reports Handed Out

21st Parent Teacher Interviews

A reminder that no Kitchen classes run during the 1st and last weeks of term—please supply students lunches





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One of the most important things we can do to slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) in our community is to stay at home when we are unwell, even when we have the mildest of symptoms.

What you need to know

1. If a child is unwell, even with the mildest of symptoms, they must stay at home

If a child becomes unwell during the day, they must be collected from school/early childhood education and care (ECEC) as soon as possible.

2. If a child has any of the symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) outlined below, however mild, they should get tested and they must remain at home until they receive their results:

- fever
- chills or sweats
- cough
- sore throat
- shortness of breath
- runny nose
- loss of sense of smell or taste.

In certain circumstances headache, muscle soreness, stuffy nose, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea may also be considered symptoms.

For further advice:

- call the 24-hour coronavirus (COVID-19) hotline 1800 675 398
- call a general practitioner
- use the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) [online self-assessment tool](#).

Visit: [Where to get tested](#).

3. A child must stay at home until they are symptom free, even if their coronavirus (COVID-19) test is negative

If a person has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) they must isolate until they receive clearance from the Department of Health and Human Services. Read the [What to do if you've tested positive for coronavirus \(COVID-19\) factsheet](#) (PDF) for more information.

If a person is a close contact of someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) the Department of Health and Human Services will get in contact to tell them they are a close contact of a person who is confirmed to have coronavirus (COVID-19). A close contact must quarantine at home. Read the [What to do if you have been in close contact with someone with coronavirus \(COVID-19\) factsheet](#) (Word) for more information.

For information on the minimum periods students and children need to stay at home for other conditions, refer to the [DHHS school exclusion table](#).

4. Children do NOT need a medical certificate before returning to school/ECEC

Once symptoms have cleared, there is no requirement from the Department of Education and Training or DHHS for children/students to have a medical certificate before they return to school/ECEC.

Thank you for your support in following these steps, together we can all stay safe.

