

Be Safe

Be Respectful

Be A Learner

July 2023

I hope everyone has had a chance to recharge and relax over the holidays! I'm really looking forward to seeing everyone back in the classroom next Monday.



Gymnastics

Plans have already been locked in for our next sporting adventure—Tamila will take classes once a week at the Hamilton Gymnastics centre on Wednesdays. If you are in Hamilton on Wednesday afternoons, feel free to drop in a watch the students grow their gymnastic skills each week.

Nightly Reading

Well done to everyone who has kept up their nightly reading routines! Many students have reached impressive reading millstones so far this year —Please keep reading each night and remember to sign reading diaries.

Drama Victoria

Each week the students will continue to take part in either in person or online drama lessons. These lessons will cumulate in an in-person workshop in Hamilton on the 11th of September.



Book Week

More specific details regarding Book Week will be posted on Class Dojo closer to the date. The students can begin to think about what book character they would like to dress up as.

Science Week

Baimbridge are very keen to invite us to their school to join in with their Science Week activities alongside their year 7 students. This will most likely be on the 16th of August.

Sheepvention

We have been invited to share our wool craft projects with the wider Hamilton community. We will be running a short demonstration on the Innovation Stage from 10am—11am. The Digby Ladies will join us in demonstrating our combined knitting skills

and answering questions that people have about our Friday morning knitting sessions. We will then explore the Sheepvention stalls before returning to school.

Lightening Prens

Year 5—6 will take part in a winter sports competition alongside Casterton PS, Scared Heart, Coleraine PS and St Jos.

Prac Student

Richy Weisbach will join us for 4 weeks in Term 3 for his 2nd placement from the 24th July

A BIG thanks

Thanks for all who donated baked goods for our funeral catering on the last day of term. Also thanks for all who came along to share in our school community lunch.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to drop in or call for a chat :)

July

Term 3 Returns July 10th

19th July—Lions Youth Public Speaking Competition in Coleraine -7pm—8pm

31st July—JSC Dress Up Day

August

7th August—Sheepvention Presentation

Science Week (12th—20th) Baimbridge Visit on Wednesday before Gymnastics

Book Week 19th—25th

22nd August—Lightening Prens

September

11th September— Drama Victoria In Person Workshop in Hamilton

15th—Last day of Term

2:30 Early dismissal

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.

