

Be Safe

Be Respectful

Be A Learner

May 2023

Welcome to term 2! All of the students have hit the ground running and have had an excellent 1st week back :)

Trivia

HUGE THANKS 😊 to all who supported us in running our Trivia evening! We really appreciate your support—Be it selling raffle tickets, helping behind the scenes or getting a table together and turning up on the night. It was a fabulous fun filled evening!

Taekwondo

Classes are beginning this Wednesday the 3rd. Mukhtar is very excited to see us again and has a whole term program worked out just for us—We are very lucky!

Cross Country

8th of May (Monday) Merino CS will be hosting the day. A reminder that we need parent helpers both in the canteen and our marshalling on course. If you are able to help in any way, please let me know. If you are unable to help on the day we would appreciate a donation of a slice or baked goods to be sold in the canteen. Please let me know if you are able to assist in any way.

EarthEd

On the 13th of June the students will be embarking to Balla-

rat for a jam packed day full of Science and FUN! We will have an early departure at 6:15am from Merino.

Nightly Reading

Merino CS has a policy of not giving out homework. Nightly reading is the only activity required for students. Please remember to sign reading diaries and bring them to school each day.

May

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

8th—CDSSA Cross Country

12th—AFL Clinic—11:30am

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*

13th—EarthEd—6:15am Departure from Merino —4:30 Return

20th Reports Handed Out

21st Parent Teacher Interviews

22nd—End of Term 2

2:30 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.

