

Faith City School Newsletter

Edition 1 - Term 1 - 9 March 2022

From the Principal's desk

Kia ora i te whanau

We are now entering into the middle of the term already. Time flies when you're having fun – it's certainly been a great start to the year for sure. Despite all the things going on around Covid – our kids have been working very well in class and just getting on with being kids.

I came across this Māori quote a couple of days ago,
“Me mahi tahi tatou mo te oranga o te katoa” – working together for the wellbeing of all.

It resonated with me particularly as we navigate the tricky, time consuming and annoying Covid waters. Despite the uncertainty Covid causes, we still have to get on with daily living, teaching and learning is a big part of that, among other things. Having a mindset that knows we are all an important part of our school community, enables us to make decisions based on the wellbeing of others and our community. It makes some of the decisions we must make a little easier. As a school, we endeavour to always consider ‘what is best for our kids so that they can Learn, Grow and Serve the Lord’. Generally, we find that what is best for our most vulnerable is also what is best for us all and, when we think selflessly like this, our hauora – our wellbeing – as a community will be at its best.

Therefore, thank you so much for all the support you have given us regarding Covid 19 this start of the term, these last 2 years, and the coming year. We notice your support and it encourages us. If you do know anyone in our community who needs extra support, please let us know. There is much we can do at school to support our families.

We have included a bit more information regarding CPF Red - Phase 3 – please take a good look at it. If you have any queries please contact us.

Ma te Atua e manaaki e tiaki i nga wa katoa

Blessings of God and protection to you all

Marty Bullock

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

Term One:

2 February to 14 April (we finish on the Thursday before Good Friday)

Teacher Only Day:

Friday 1 April

Room 3 – Water Study

The Room 3 students have been exploring the theme of Water and have been conducting many different kinds of water experiments.

The photos below show what happens to water when a balloon filled with water is popped. A lot of discussion was had trying to decide beforehand what the water would "look like" coming out of the balloon.

The fun happened when the children had the opportunity to pop the balloon and see for themselves and if their eyes were sharp enough to notice what happened.



Room 6 – H₂O Learning

This term for Theme, we are doing Science and our topic is water.

Recently, we have been learning to identify the movement of the particles molecules made up from the atoms H₂O.

We did a balloon experiment to see whether water molecules are attracted to each other or not. A balloon was popped and the water mostly held together until it hit the ground, and when it was on the ground we saw it form a puddle.

We also watched water drops on a coin connect very quickly come together when they touched. We have also been learning what happens to the molecule H₂O when it is frozen and when becomes a gas.



Room 5 – Fashion Show

In Room 5 we have recently been writing reviews on music, movies, video games, books, news items, and fashion. In our reviews, we describe what we are reviewing, add some specific detail about the interesting features, explain our personal opinions and then use a 5 star rating system.

The Room 5 "journalists" all had to review the Room 5 "models", then publish and share their "Fashion Show" writing with them. We are now moving on to writing descriptions and short stories.



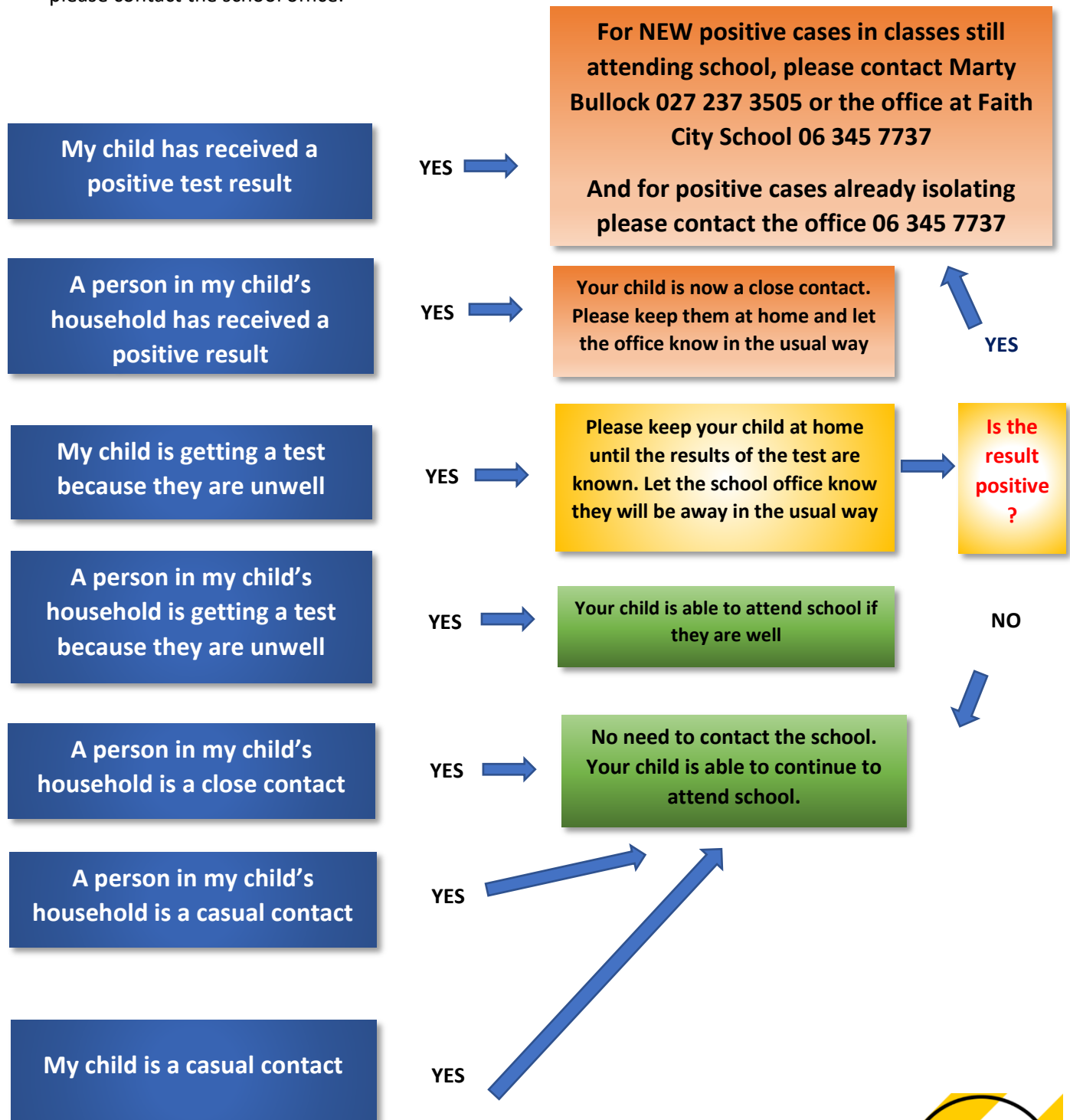
Room 4 - Badminton

Room 4 students have been enjoying learning new badminton skills this term with Mr Fiest on a Friday afternoon. Their final session is this Friday. Our new sports leaders will be organising a badminton competition to put these skills into practice in the next two weeks.

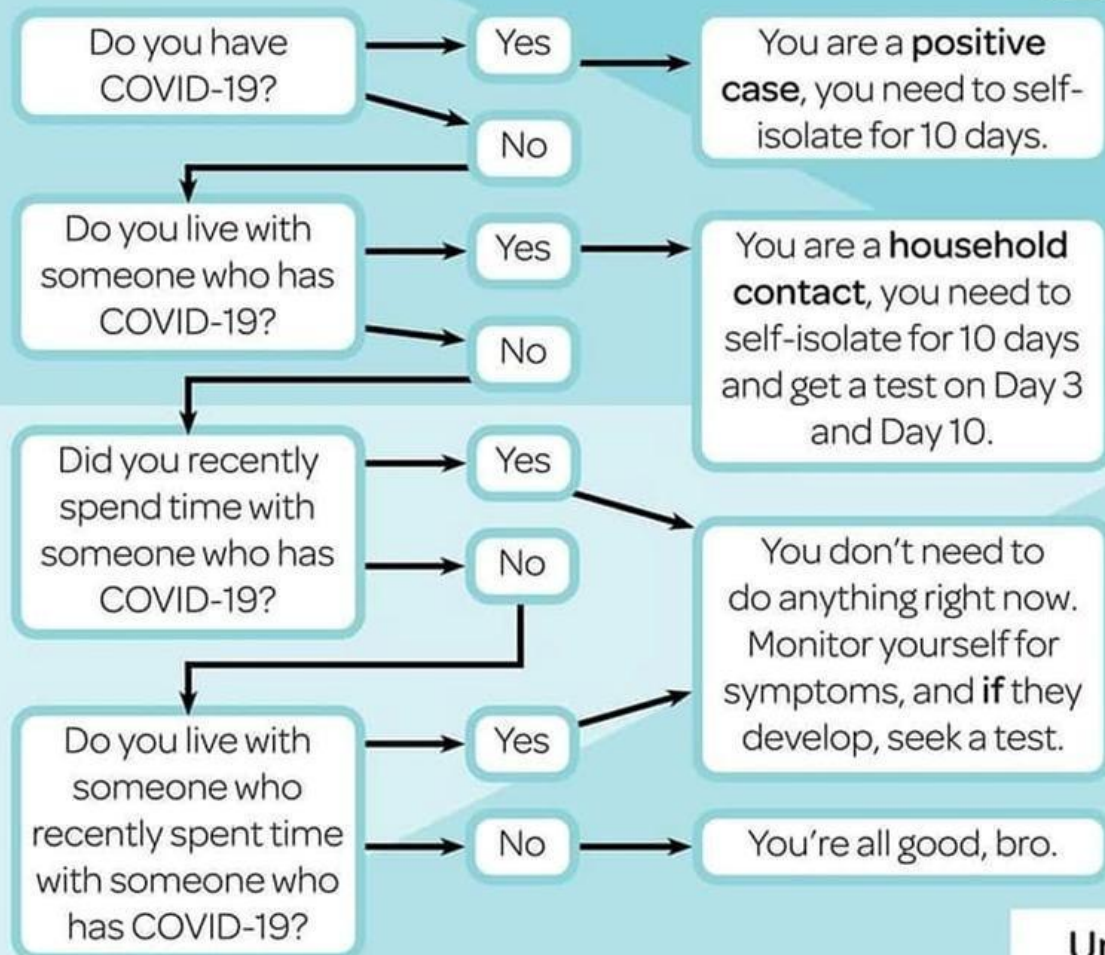
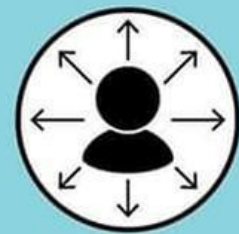


COVID - 19: Who do I need to contact and should I keep my child at home?

This flow chart has been designed to help families understand what is required. For any queries, please contact the school office.



What type of **contact** are you?





The COVID-19 Isolation Clock

THE COVID-19 ISOLATION CLOCK

DAY 0

- COVID positive case must isolate for 10 days.
- Household contacts must also isolate for 10 days. They must also take a RATs test on day 3 and day 10.

Anyone who tests positive does not need to be tested again.

DAY 3

- All household contacts take a day 3 RATs test.
- Anyone who tests positive becomes a positive case and their 10 day isolation clock will restart.
- Anyone who tests negative will continue to isolate for another 7 days.

DAY 10

- All household contacts take a day 10 RATs test.
- If all tests are negative and the O.G. COVID case has no symptoms, everyone on O.G isolation clock can be released from isolation.

Isolation ends at the end of Day 10 (11.59pm).

ONGOING ISOLATION

- Ongoing isolation for household contacts who test positive after O.G case

Isolation clock is different from O.G COVID case.

HOW THE COVID-19 ISOLATION CLOCK WORKS FOR A WHĀNAU (*HOUSEHOLD):

DAY 0 - A PERSON IN YOUR WHĀNAU TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19



Original (O.G.) COVID case and your whole whānau go into isolation together for 10 days.

DAY 3 - A SECOND PERSON IN YOUR WHĀNAU TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19



New COVID-19 positive case goes back to Day 0 and restarts their own 10 day isolation clock.

The O.G. COVID case and the rest of your whānau continues on the O.G. isolation clock.

DAY 10 - EVERYONE IN YOUR WHĀNAU EXCEPT COVID POSITIVE PEOPLE GET TESTED



All tests are negative and you have no symptoms. Everyone on O.G isolation clock is released from isolation at the end of day 10 (11.59pm).

ONGOING ISOLATION FOR ANYONE WHO TESTS POSITIVE AFTER O.G COVID CASE



2nd COVID positive case remains in isolation and continues with their own isolation clock.

The rest of your whānau should continue to watch for symptoms and get tested if they feel sick.

Prayer Points

That God will continue to keep our school safe from Covid

For peace for those who are anxious

For those in our community are unwell

For our students who are now at secondary school, that they do well and continue to believe in Jesus.



Out of School Hours *Music Classes*



For primary and intermediate school aged students only.

Lessons are available for:

Ukulele, Guitar, Drums, Keyboard, Violin, Trumpet, Trombone, Recorder and Singing

Lessons only cost a one-off administration fee of \$20 for the whole year's learning.

These lessons are Ministry of Education funded.

Enrolments for 2022

Information and enrolment packs are available by email. Please email: bruce.jellyman@gmail.com or enquires phone 027 540 4159 or pick up information from Gatshack Music 71 Ridgeway Street

Y-Kids April Holiday Programme: 18-29 April 2022

The Holidays are just around the corner. Bookings are now open for our Y Kids programme, with a 10% Early Bird discount for every child registered before 27th March. (Note this discount does not apply to Holiday Camp) Y-Kids Holiday Programmes offer a variety of fun activities ranging from trips, craft as well as sports and games. We hope to see you there!

