

ALERT LEVEL 2 NEWSLETTER

Kia ora Parents and Caregivers

As of midday today we return to COVID-19 Alert Level 2. This is in place until midnight on Friday. What does that mean for Outram School?

The key principles of Alert Level 2 are:

- Reduce the risk of someone getting infected in the first place
- Ensure we can identify and contact anyone who becomes infected
- Understand that Level 2 is not business as usual.

Children and staff health and wellbeing remain our highest priority and the most important job we will do.

At Level 2, almost all children can continue to attend school. The only exceptions are children who are sick and have COVID-19 symptoms, are in isolation, or are awaiting the result of a test.

Contact Tracing

- ALL visitors must report to the office and sign in.
- Our school QR code is displayed at our front entrance for use with the NZ COVID Tracer App
- We will reinstate the **pick up/drop off zone** at Beaumaris Street entrance. Room 2 parents may drop off, read with and pick up from the classroom, but please sign the contact tracing sheet in Room 2.
- Teachers of rooms 3 and 4 will walk the classes out to the pick up zone at the end of the day.

Hygiene

Classes are equipped with appropriate cleaning materials to regularly clean surfaces throughout the day. Children have been reminded of appropriate hygiene practices, which includes...

- Regularly wash and dry hands
- Cough into elbow
- Don't touch face
- Use the 'moist breath zone' rule to keep physical distance
- If sick, stay home
- If flu-like symptoms phone healthline or your GP and get tested

Children to please bring a named drink bottle to fill from the tap rather than using the drinking fountains.

Buses run as normal. Sanitiser is provided on the buses and the bus surfaces are sanitised after each journey.

If Outram School is connected to a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19

Under the direction of the Medical Officer of Health...

- Close for 72 hours to allow for contact tracing and cleaning
- Close for 14 days, but open for distance learning

Stringent self-isolation for those who display relevant symptoms of COVID-19, test positive for COVID-19, have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19, or have been overseas in the last 14 days.

Cross Country

We will still run our Cross Country on Friday, but because of the restrictions on gatherings larger than 100 we will arrange things a little differently.

- Lunch will be at midday.
- We will not be able to staff a separate run-walk event.
- If you would prefer your child(ren) not to take part this year they could be picked up at midday.
- If you are spectating please remember to keep physical distancing and think about wearing a mask.
- Hand sanitiser will be available at the results table.

At **1:00pm** the junior team (Rooms 2, 3 & 4) will walk down to the rugby grounds and we will run the Year 1 and 2 races. When the children are finished their event parents may take their child home or they will be supervised back at school by a teacher.

We will communicate with the middle team (Rooms 8, 10 & Yr 4's from Room 7) who will then walk down for the Year 3 and 4 races. When their races are finished parents may take children home or they will be supervised back at school by a teacher.

Finally, the senior team (Room 7 & 6) will come down for the Year 5 and 6 events. Once again when they are finished they can go home with parents or they will come back to school for the end of the day. PAL's will help to pack up the course at the end of the day.

Room 5 will come down at 1:00pm and stay until the end of all events. They will be used as marshals, bikers and support runners during the younger events. They will be spaced out at a safe distance from the other children. After the Year 7 and 8 race, Room 5 will also help to pack up the course.

Please note there are not specific race times as we will just keep rolling to get through year levels. We will do our best to run this event under the restrictions and to ensure that the children can participate with a positive experience and so all their hard work training does not go to waste.

Thank you to those parents who have offered to help set up the course in the morning. We will still **meet at school at 8am**. Anyone that can help to pack up at the end of the day would be greatly appreciated.

We will have to wait for Alert Level announcements next week before we can make a decision about the South Taieri Cross Country event.