

Rai Valley Area School

Newsletter



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Tumuaki's Report

Kia ora koutou,

The last few weeks have certainly had their challenges. It is good to have most students back at school this week. A number of our students and their whanau have now had COVID and life is returning to normal for those families. However, this is not the case for all, so please continue to monitor your child's health and if they are unwell please get a test and keep them at home. For the family members who are also isolated because they are a household contact please contact the school so that we can organise work to be dropped off.

This week we have begun parent conferences for secondary students. It has been necessary to do these as online meetings. In the next couple of weeks, we will be flowing up with the primary goal setting

At the beginning of lockdown, our Year 1-2 class finally got to move into their new space. They have settled in well and it is a great improvement for our learners. Their new outdoor space means that our teaching in this area can offer a wider range of experiences.

The skate ramp has finally been installed much to the excitement of a number of students. In 2019 we were given supplementary Ministry money for grounds and property. Our Board chose to spend the money on the upgrade of the courts and the skate ramp. In the coming months, we will be working on completing the bike track around it.

I would like to acknowledge Havelock Four Square for their very generous donation of cartons of facial tissues. With winter coming this is a very useful and much-appreciated donation.

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In the next couple of weeks, we will see a number of changes around COVID requirements that will impact schools. In the meantime stay well.

Noho ora mai
Maree

Covid: Changes to the traffic light framework

We are getting used to things changing pretty quickly. As you will have no doubt heard we are due a reset of the traffic light system (Covid-19 Protection Framework) starting this Friday at midnight. For some of our community these changes will come with relief, for some it will only increase anxiety. Recognising how this affects people differently is key to all of us continuing to work together and support each other. As a school we will continue to follow Ministry guidelines around health and safety and try to keep you up to date with changes as efficiently as we can. If you are in doubt about anything Covid related from masks, to isolation guidelines, please keep doing what many of you are, and get in touch.

Opposite is a break down of the changes and below a summary graphic. Please remember these are not exhaustive and the government covid site is still the go to for the full details. **Please also note that masks are currently still mandatory until we move to orange setting** - which may well happen soon, but hasn't happened yet.

RED	ORANGE	GREEN
Face masks required in most indoor settings	Face masks required in many indoor settings	Face masks encouraged indoors
Indoor capacity limits of 200 people. No outdoor capacity limits	No indoor or outdoor capacity limits	No indoor or outdoor capacity limits
Self-isolate for 7 days if you test positive or live with someone who has COVID-19	Self-isolate for 7 days if you test positive or live with someone who has COVID-19	Self-isolate for 7 days if you test positive or live with someone who has COVID-19

From 11:59pm on Friday 25 March the COVID-19 Protection Framework will be simpler. It will help us manage life with Omicron while reducing the impact of future outbreaks. The traffic light changes are:

- The removal of vaccination mandates for education workers will take effect from 11.59pm Monday 4 April.
- On the same date, removal of the My Vaccine Pass from the COVID-19 Protection Framework (traffic light system).
- There is no requirement to display QR code posters (although schools are encouraged to retain them)

At Red

- **There is no change to masks in education settings from the existing Red setting.** Medical-grade masks remain a requirement for staff working indoors with children and young people in Years 4-13.
- For all New Zealanders, including school settings, masks will not be required outdoors.
- Capacity limits will be removed for outdoor events and activities.
- Indoor capacity limits for extra-curricular activities increase to 200 people, or a maximum capacity based on the maximum number of people who could occupy the space if each person was one metre apart (whichever is lower).

At Orange

- There is no change to masks in education settings from the existing Orange setting. **Masks are strongly encouraged to be worn when indoors and are required for children aged 12 and over on school transport.**
- As at Red, there will be no mask requirements when outdoors.
- There will be no outdoor capacity limits.
- Indoor capacity limits are also removed. However, for non-curriculum related events and activities you are strongly encouraged to use allocated seating for large events (such as those with more than 500 people) or apply a maximum capacity limit based on the maximum number of people who could occupy the space if each person was one metre apart.

At Green

- There will be no face mask requirements and no capacity or gathering limits in any setting, indoors or outdoors.

School News

Rai Way Wrist Bands

You may have noticed a number of the children have come home this week sporting colourful wristbands. These have been awarded for demonstrating our Rai School values: Respect (blue wristband), Achieve (red wristband) and Inspire (yellow wristband). These wristbands are just being awarded the first time students show these values, after this they will collect points towards items in 'the Rai Shop'.

'Respect' points are given for showing manners, following classroom rules and expectations and being punctual and prepared for learning.

'Achieve' points are given for following instructions, doing their best, and showing improvement in their learning.

'Inspire' points are given for using kind words and actions, having a positive attitude and wearing the uniform well.

If your child is wearing a wristband, congratulate them and look forward to the day they are wearing a 'rainbow'! (all three colours)



Calendar Dates

Monday 28th March

Years 7-13 Parent Teacher Conferences
(Online)

Friday 1st April

Sexwise Performance & Workshop



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Primary News

Head of Primary News

It is great to see nearly all of the primary students back at school after so many away being unwell. This should still happen for those that are unwell even now.

On Tuesday afternoon the primary syndicate teachers had a very informative training session called the "Zones of Regulation" If your child starts talking about these and the set of colours that go with them, red, yellow, green and blue, please ask them about this. There will be some more information sent home about them soon.

We are already at the end of week 8 with just under 3 to go until the Easter and term break. Many children, and staff are tired, it has been a very strange start to the school year. Lots of new and different things and new teachers. Remember we are all trying our best in sometimes difficult circumstances.

In the last week of the term primary students will bring home their goal setting document for you. This is to show what teachers have discussed with their students to help them set some learning goals. They are mostly self explanatory but teachers will welcome any discussion you may want early in term 2. We will then report to these goals at the end of that term also.

One last reminder is a safety one. Children who are being collected after school need to stay inside the gate. Recently there have been a lot just leaving to find parents parked on the road. Wandering through the carpark to do this is dangerous. Could you please park and walk to the gate to meet your children? For their safety and our anxiety! Many thanks.

Stay healthy and take care, everyone.
Ngā mihi

Karen Davies

Marlborough Netball- DAWN BLESSING

We would like to invite our wider netball community to attend our blessing of the new Lansdowne Sports Hub. This will be our official netball opening.
March 26th At 6:00am

With the Koffie Mobile Cart and light refreshments available afterwards.

This will be a vaccinated only event, please RSVP via admin@marlboroughnetball.org.nz if you are planning to attend.
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Feedback from Week 6

While many of us were isolating at home during week 6, ever wonder what those still at school thought of the experience? Well, here is some feedback from students and adults alike.

From the adults:	Week 6 Term 1 2022	From the children:
Peaceful Quiet		More thinking space to embrace your feelings. More fun stuff to do.
Responsible children wearing hats without being asked.		Playtime was weird because there were no other children. More room to play and bike.
Relaxed		Quiet days. Feeling happy!



Respect Whakaute

Means treating people, things and places as important.

The Kiwi Can Corner



This week in Kiwi Can our junior tamariki are practising showing kindness to others. Our older Kiwi Can kids are exploring ways to accept differences, and learning more about what it is to have and show empathy. (We will be talking about empathy being the ability to understand and share the feelings of someone else).

Here are some conversation starters for this week...

- What are some ways you can show kindness at home? In the class?
- What's a kind thing someone did for you? How did it make you feel?
- How can you show others how to be kind?
- How do you know if someone else is feeling happy or sad? What are the clues?
- When your friends feel differently to you about something, how can you use empathy to figure out each others' feelings?



Stay in the loop, follow [@GraemeDingleFoundationMarlborough](https://www.facebook.com/GraemeDingleFoundationMarlborough) to find out more

Outward Bound

Kia ora koutou katoa,

Outward Bound New Zealand is a not for profit organization offering personal development courses in the outdoors for New Zealanders young and old. Our courses are run from our school in Anakiwa in the Marlborough Sounds.

We are excited to offer two new fully funded courses for youth with a physical disability.

Ngā mihi nui
Stephanie

OUTWARD BOUND NZ - YOUTH ACTIVATE

The fully funded Youth Activate is an 8 day course for physically disabled youth aged 16-17 years. Our next course date is 10-17 May 2022. Find more information about Youth Activate here.

OUTWARD BOUND NZ - LEAPS & BOUNDS ACTIVATE

The fully funded Leaps & Bounds Activate 8 day course is for physically disabled youth (13 to 16yrs) and their parent or caregiver. Our next course date is 10-17 October 2022.

Find more information about Leaps & Bounds Activate here.



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- ✓ challenging yourself to overcome an obstacle
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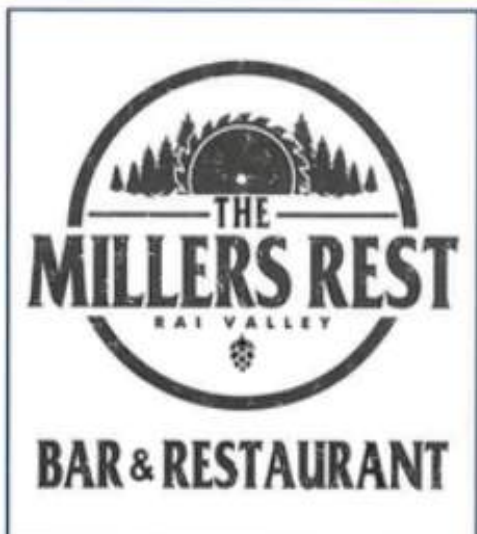
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