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Newsletter – Term 1 Week 3, 17 February 2022

Principal's Message

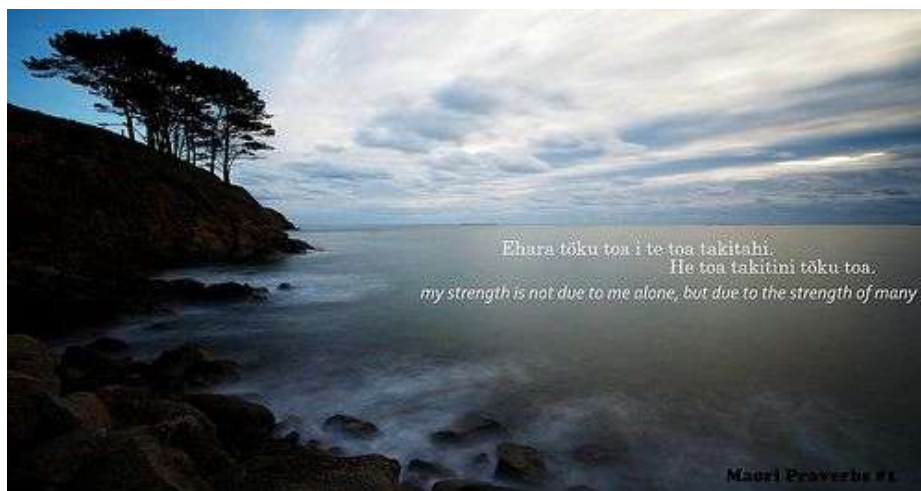
Tena Koutou e te Whānau,

We are continuing to make life and learning at school as normal as possible under the Red Setting. We are blessed with lots of happy students engaging positively in their school environment. Full credit to our staff, students and whānau for making this possible.

We are all becoming increasingly aware that Omicron is starting to spread rapidly across New Zealand, and it is highly likely it will soon be more prominent in our own city and communities. We understand that this can be a worrying time for all as there is still much uncertainty. What we can be certain of however is that we have good plans in place and we will continue to communicate with our whānau as and when necessary. Being adaptable and flexible will be key to us managing our way through this. Please read the Covid section in this newsletter for key information.

We were deeply saddened to hear of the unexpected passing of Carey Haines. Carey was a huge part of our Parish and well known to our school staff and community. He will be sorely missed by all. We extend our deepest sympathy and heartfelt prayers to Carey's family at this very sad time.

Kia manaaki te Atua ia koutou
Collette Sandilands



Ehara tōku toa i te takitahi, He toa takitini tōku toa
My strength is not due to me alone, but due to the strength of many

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Important Calendar Dates Term 1

Date	Event
21 & 22 Feb	Gymnastics
22 Feb	School Swimming Sports @ Jelly Park Year 4-8
23 Feb	Board of Trustees Meeting
28 Feb, 1 March	Gymnastics
1, 2 March	3-Way Conference (online) - More information coming
2 March	Ash Wednesday
7, 8 March	Gymnastics
11 March	Teacher Only Day - School closed
6 April	Board of Trustees Meeting
14 April	Holy Thursday - last day of Term 1

School Information & Notices

Welcome



Room 4 have recently welcomed **Aiden and Frenzel**.
We hope you both have a rewarding time at OLV.

Absences - Important Message for All Parents

Please advise the school via the **school app**, email admin@olv.school.co.nz or phone the school office on **3487790** if your child will be away for the day. Please do not email your child's teacher directly as this may not reach the admin staff in time for the roll call.

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Useful Covid Information for Whānau

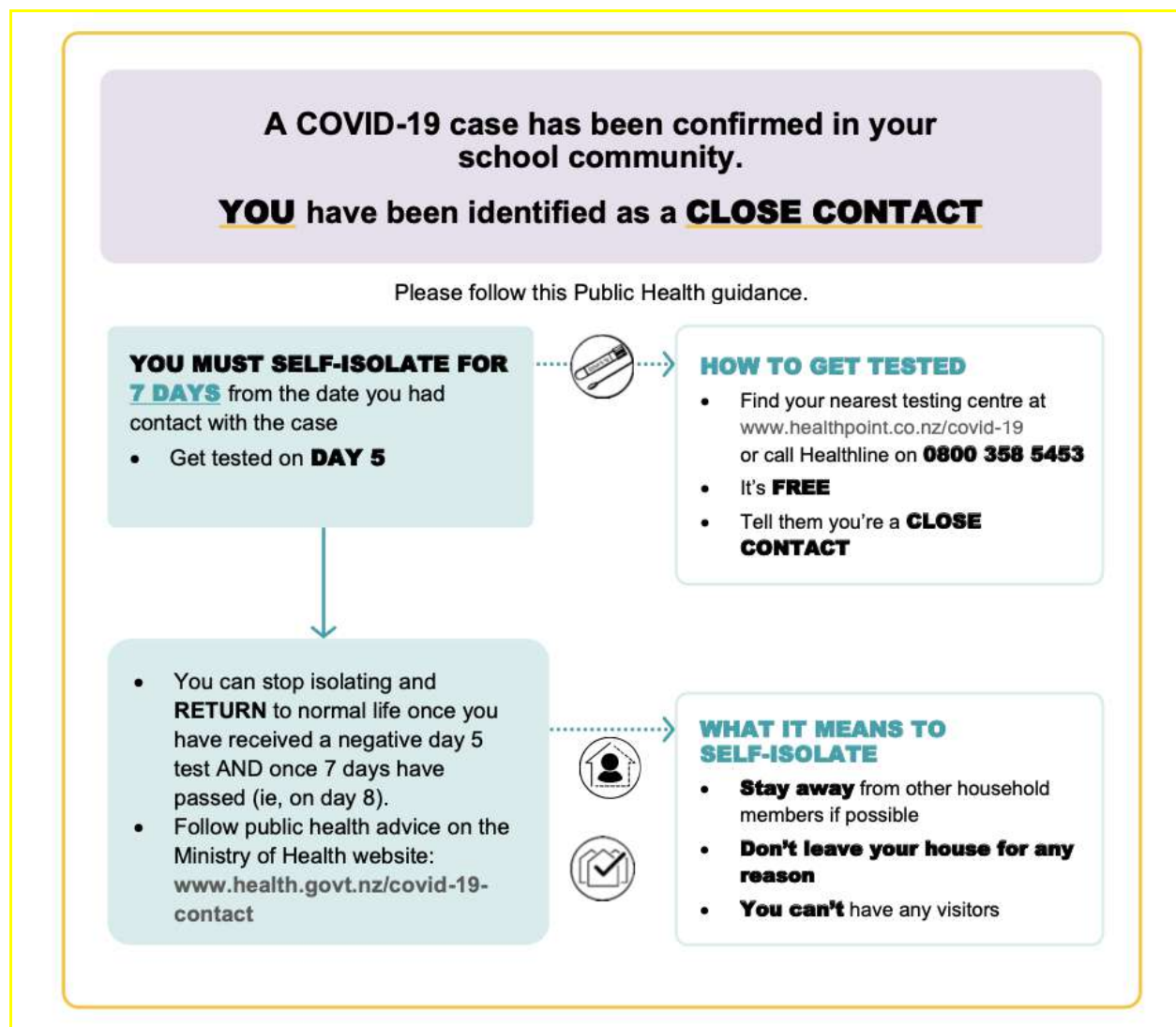
I hope you have all managed to read and familiarise yourself with the Response Plan and Flowchart that was emailed to all whānau on 11 February. A copy is attached to this newsletter for ease of reference. If you have any questions please discuss with your child's teacher or contact the office on admin@olv.school.nz

1. A Covid Response Information Plan for whānau [here](#)
2. A flowchart - Responding to Covid Notifications [here](#)

The Government has moved to Phase Two of the Omicron Response Plan. A copy of this is also attached [here](#) to this email to support your understanding of the changes it brings.

Please note: If we have a confirmed Covid Positive Case in our School Community we will **send a text message** to all families directing them to **check their emails** for specific information and what we are doing and what you need to do.

Useful Flowchart if You are a Close Contact



Waitangi Day Liturgy



Gymnastics

All our students are currently enjoying attending Gymnastic lessons at Olympia Gymnastic Sports in Wigram. Check the photos out - they are all having a fabulous time!



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Class Awards

- Junior 1:** Milano and Matteo
- Room 4:** Theo and Julie
- Room 5:** Vai and Stefan
- Room 9:** Mia and Eli
- Room 10:** Adriaan, Maverick, Georgia and Mitchell
- Room 6:** Charles and Kaomony
- Room 7:** Susana, Monyseda, Jasper and Aebal
- Room 8:** Abel, Rover, Pasikale and Louisa
- Senior 1:** Ivy and Levi
- Senior 2:** Erica, Euan, Flounna and Mickalos
- Principal's:** Marama, Nico and Kerby

Catholic Special Character

This term we will be sharing a few ideas from Pope's Francis' homilies and speeches from the past year with advice for building stronger relationships—with God, with our neighbours and with the earth.

Stop judging others.

Judging and gossiping about those around us is, as Pope Francis said in his audience on Nov. 3, so easy to do that we often fall into it without thinking.

The Pope offered a challenging alternative, to instead “take a look at yourself.” With this shift in perspective, Pope Francis suggests we might discover something important: “It is good to ask ourselves what drives us to correct a brother or a sister, and if we are not in some way co-responsible for their mistake.” Instead of nitpicking our neighbours, we can be honest with ourselves about our own shortcomings, making space for compassion instead of criticism.

From:

<https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2021/12/29/new-years-resolution-pope-francis-242050>

You shall be my witnesses' ([Acts 1:8](#))

The Pope reflected on three foundations of “the life and mission of every disciple”. The first, he said, is “the call of every Christian to bear witness to Christ,” calling it the “heart of Jesus’ teaching to the disciples.”



Pope Francis said Christ was the first to be sent to proclaim, as the Father’s missionary and as His “faithful witness.

“Every Christian is called to be a missionary and witness to Christ. And the Church, the community of Christ’s disciples, has no other mission than that of bringing the Gospel to the entire world by bearing witness to Christ. To evangelise is the very identity of the Church.” How can you do this in your daily life?

Community Notices

Tots to Teens free interactive magazine:
Your link to the FEBRUARY ISSUE digital magazine is available here

<https://issue2202.totstoteens.co.nz>

What's in this issue for parents?

- » Handling school drop-off
- » Filling the lunchbox
- » Making maths fun for kids is the trick
- » How to manage attention-seeking behaviour
- » Parent guide: Teaching kids to ride a bike
- » Fears and phobias?
- » The dyslexia checklist

and (as always) EPIC GIVEAWAYS



The advertisement is for 'Giant Leaps Speech + Drama'. It features a young girl with long blonde hair, wearing a leopard-print jacket, holding a trophy and a book. The background is blue with white icons related to speech and drama, such as a microphone, a book, and a speech bubble. The text 'GIANT LEAPS SPEECH + DRAMA' is in the top left. In the top right, it says 'Enrol now for 2022 New BURNSIDE Location!'. At the bottom, there are logos for 'Speech NEW ZEALAND' and 'TRINITY COLLEGE LONDON'. The contact information '0800 4 SPEECH' and 'WWW.GIANTLEAPS.NZ' is at the bottom.

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