



# ROSEBANK SCHOOL

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## Newsletter 2 Term 1, Week 4 2022

### Principal's Message

Dear Rosebank Community,

Thank you for your ongoing support as we (like everyone else) battles COVID-19. We've had several staff and a few classes who have either tested positive to Covid or were considered 'close contacts' who've had to isolate, be tested and wait for a negative result to return to school - I totally understand it's trying times for everyone but I am following strict Ministry of Health guidelines when we have a case and will continue following these until we are told otherwise. Things are predicted to get a lot worse before they get better, so let's just get through this together and come out the other side!

I'd like to take this opportunity to also thank the staff who are all doing a great job - navigating our way through this COVID journey - from property and office/admin staff, support staff, teaching staff and our fantastic Senior Leadership Team who make my job a lot easier by taking on so many responsibilities and extra work at this time. Without everyone contributing so well here, things wouldn't be running so smoothly. I take my hat off to them all! Finally, if you or any member of your family require support or assistance during these unprecedented times, please contact us and we will be there for you. [paul@rosebank.school.nz](mailto:paul@rosebank.school.nz)

Best wishes, Paul Pirihi, Principal

### Working together to keep our kids safe

Last week there was an incident on our road where one of our students was hit by a car! It was very lucky this time that there were only minor injuries. We are very concerned that it is only a matter of time before there will be serious harm out here on our road. We are doing our part at school to educate the children, but please lay down some rules with your children about **CROSSING ONLY AT THE LIGHTS (at Gate A or down at Eastdale).**

We often see parents calling for their children from the other side of the road. This is not setting a good example for the children and is not safe.

We have been in contact with other authorities who can assist us in keeping our road safe for the tamariki, but we need your help too! If you see children about to cross, please remind them to go to the lights.

LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE!



### **Breakfast Club**

We have decided to hold off a little longer on beginning Breakfast Club because Omicron is still in it's height. If you are needing help with kai, please see Jessie Beattie (our community hub coordinator) about some help :-). When it is up and running there is breakfast available on Monday-Wednesday mornings in the community hub.

### **Contact Details**

Please ensure that all contact details are up to date, if you have changed address, email or phone numbers please let us know. It is also vital that we have a second contact just in case we can't get hold of you. You can also send any new details to Christina - [office@rosebank.school.nz](mailto:office@rosebank.school.nz)

### **Uniform & Stationery**

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform to school each day. No hoodies, jackets or coloured clothes over or under the uniform.

Black bucket hats are compulsory in Term 1. Elizabeth Michael Uniform Shop has a good stock of uniform items available. Stationery is available from the school office and should have already been purchased for use in class. Talk to your teachers if you are having difficulty with either of these purchases.

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### **Matific**

This year we have invested in 'Matific' an online mathematics platform for Years 3-6. We have used this platform in the past with free trials and have found that it is really engaging for our students, not only to consolidate classroom learning but to build a love of maths. Your child should have come home with their login and password information, if not please contact your child's teacher.



### **Learning from home during isolation**

The Ministry of Education is calling our current teaching situation 'Hybrid Learning' where there will be instances of isolating children having to learn from home and teachers having to teach from home.

Some of you would have already experienced this. Your child's teacher will be in touch if this is the case for your child. Home Learning codes would have come home with your child this week. Please follow the instructions to access learning on Seesaw. You should also still have the Hard Copy Learning Packs provided from the MOH at the end of last year. If you are needing one of these, please contact your child's teacher.

Teams are also in the process of sending home 'team relevant' workpacks to help keep your child learning during this difficult and uncertain time. The best thing you can do for your child's learning at home is read to them, listen to them read and have conversations with them. Talk about maths all around you (baking, sales, finances, etc) and learn basic facts. However, we understand that keeping well, both physically and emotionally is a priority so please don't feel pressured about schoolwork.

# What now in Phase 3 ?

**01**

**MY CHILD IS POSITIVE**



Let the office know  
[office@rosebank.school.nz](mailto:office@rosebank.school.nz)

**Stay Home**

All in the household must isolate for 10 days  
 Take a test on Day 3 and Day 10 before returning

Everyone in your home is a close contact and needs to be isolated and tested.

**Stay Home**

**02**

**A PERSON IN OUR HOME IS POSITIVE**

Let the office know  
 09 8286319  
[christina@rosebank.school.nz](mailto:christina@rosebank.school.nz)

**Keep your child home**

Get tested if the symptoms are covid symptoms.

If your child is well, with no symptoms, send them to school. Safety precautions will continue to be followed at school

**Come to school**

Monitor closely for symptoms, stay home and get tested if there are symptoms detected.



**04**

**A PERSON IS POSITIVE IN MY CHILD'S CLASS**

Teachers have work prepared for your child if they are isolating.

**Make contact with teacher**

Seesaw is set up with learning activities. Ask teachers for codes if needed. Hard copy packs can be made available

**05**

**WHAT ABOUT SCHOOL WORK?**



New Zealand's COVID-19 response continues amid much larger numbers of daily cases.

You may well have seen the headlines in the media about the numbers of cases being seen in schools. Please don't be alarmed by this. It is only natural that as cases in our community increase, they will appear in our school. We have really good systems in place to respond to this and to keep any spread of the virus – should it appear – to a minimum.

You may have seen Dr Jin Russell in the media noting research from New South Wales about their recent Omicron outbreak showing that spread within the school setting is very low (less than 4% of cases at school infected someone else when at school). We have seen that in New Zealand too.

This is why we remain open at Red. It's great for a child's wellbeing and learning to be at school with their friends and school staff, and we have very good systems in place to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Your job remains the same, too: please continue to keep a really close watch of your whānau for anyone with symptoms. If unwell, please stay at home and get advice about getting a COVID-19 test.

With Phase 3 of the Omicron response, the key change is that it is only confirmed cases and their household contacts who need to self-isolate. Everyone else, including those who may have had close contact with the case but aren't in the household, must continue to monitor very closely for any symptoms of

## COVID-19.

Rapid antigen tests (RATs) are now being used to diagnose COVID-19 as well as PCR tests. This means that you will get an almost immediate test result back if a RAT is used.

If anyone in your family is confirmed as having COVID-19, you will be asked to notify your close contacts yourself. Please get in touch with us as soon as you can if your child has tested positive for COVID-19.

Transmission of COVID-19 is still most likely to happen in your home – so please keep doing all those good things to keep your whānau safe. Wash your hands, get lots of fresh air, cover any coughs and sneezes, clean surfaces regularly, and seek advice if anyone is not feeling well. And please wear a mask when you are out and about. There is information online to help your family prepare to isolate if you need to.

The most important advice we can give to keep your whānau safe is to act as if you have COVID-19. More than a third of people who have COVID-19 will not have any symptoms if they have had three doses of the vaccine. Please think about who you visit and what health measures you can put in place to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Getting three doses of the vaccine will really help you to do that. Research has shown that compared with being unvaccinated, three doses of the vaccine will mean you are 67% less likely to be infected with Omicron and 97% less likely to get Delta. If you can't get COVID you can't pass it on.

Finally, we know how hard the impacts on COVID-19 have been for many families in New Zealand. If you know of a family in your community who is struggling, please encourage them to reach out for support for example to access food, medicine, or access financial support: Help is available – COVID-19 Health Hub.

If you have any concerns about sending your child to school, please do get in touch. We are here to help.