



Tuesday 8th March 2022 - Week 5 - Term 1

MASTERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa, nga mihi nui ki a koutou katoa!

Yesterday I shared the news with the senior syndicate regarding their first positive case. I am pleased to announce that parents of positive cases are utilising our school covid response form, thus allowing me to contact the Ministry of Education with up to date results. In the likely event that more cases evolve, I will inform the affected class via email.

We have noticed that a few parents have made the decision to keep their children home in the past two weeks due to the covid cases. All I can say is that we have taken a precautionary approach with regards to our guidelines and covid protocols. The transmission rates are low in schools, this is due to the provisions in place across the country.

The Ministry's stance is firm, when schools are open for instruction then children need to attend if they are not a household contact.

In Phase 3, only household contacts of confirmed cases are required to self-isolate. The isolation period will be for 10 days. All other contacts of COVID-positive people are not required to isolate, but they will need to monitor for symptoms. (Please get tested if your child displays any of the symptoms below).

If your child has any of the symptoms mentioned below we would respectfully ask that you keep them home until they are feeling better.

Common symptoms

1. Fatigue 2. Headaches 3. Sore throat 4. Runny nose 5. Sneezing 6. Fever 7. Cough

Ngā manaakitanga

Mr. Gene Bartlett
Tumuaki Principal
Masterton Primary School



Calendar of Events

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| • Year 5/6 Swimming - Town Pools | Monday 14th March |
| • Year 5/6 Swimming - Town Pools | Wednesday 16th March |
| • Year 5/6 Swimming - Town Pools | Friday 18th March |
| • BOT Meeting | Tuesday 12th April |
| • Term 1 Ends | Thursday 14th April |
| • Term 2 Begins | Monday 2nd May |

PB4L

PB4L is a long-term, systematic approach involving: whole-school change initiatives, targeted group programmes, and individual student support services. Our current focus is:



Whakatauki o te wiki

Mā mua ka kite a muri, mā muri ka ora a mua
Those who lead give sight to those who follow, those who follow give life to those who lead

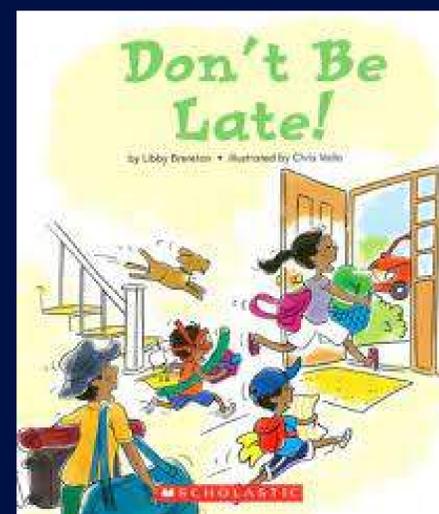


sharing is caring

Early Bird Catches The Worm

I have been monitoring the start of the school day and have noticed that there are still students arriving after the 8:45am bell. I need to reiterate how important the start of the school day is for our teachers and their classes.

Please support us by ensuring that your children are ready to enter their classes by 8:45am each day. Matua Gene.



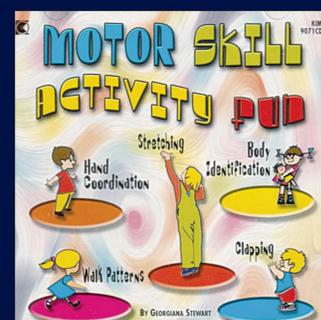
PMP HELPERS - CAN YOU HELP?

Every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning we need some parents to come along and help us with our Perceptual Motor Programme. This is like a gymnastic programme for our junior students of Rooms 1, 2, & 3 where we provide activities to develop their motor skills which helps improve learning.

It only takes a little of your time (8.45—10.15) and you will supervise just a small group of children (3 or 4) to do the activity you are helping with. We need at least four helpers on each of the days to help the class teacher and Karen Cox, who leads the PMP programme.

We are happy to have helpers from any families.

Please contact the school office on 377 5297 to talk to Karen Cox, Anne Donald, or any junior class teacher or email coxk@masterton.school.nz.



NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTIVITY PASSPORT
Fun activities you can do when you are exploring your neighbourhood or walking to school

- Find an insect to observe and write down what you found
- Stop and listen - what sounds can you hear?
- Create a rubbing of tree bark or a leaf you've found
- Map your walk and the key features on your route
- How many shapes can you find in your neighbourhood?
- Look for pictures, teddies or cats in the windows
- Take photos of interesting things you see
- Draw pictures with chalk on the footpath
- Count the steps from one driveway to the next
- Paint stones and hide them around your neighbourhood
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Find more activities at www.movinmarch.com/family

MOVING MARCH

It has been fantastic for us to stamp lots of passports for children who are walking, biking or scootering to school. The weather is amazing this week, perfect for Movin March. In Week 7 (March 21-25th) staff will be at the pou to stamp passports and give out spot prizes. Here are some activities to do with your child on the way to school or at the weekend while out exploring.



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INTRODUCING ROOM 7

Here are some great stories and lovely illustrations from our Room 7 students.

My favourite song is "Gangnam Style" because it is cool and because I can do the dance. I love it because the singer is great.



Written and illustrated by Anahira Wiwarena.

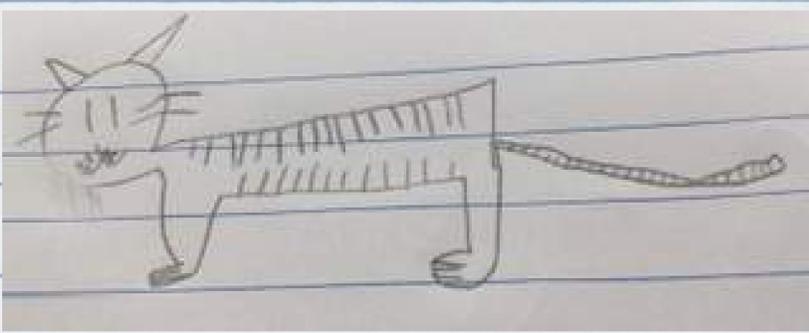
My favourite song is by Demi Lovato. She sings "It's OK not to be OK" because I like her voice and I like the words that she says. It reminds me of my uncle's dog because I used to always turn him when I turned on the radio.



Written and illustrated by Ari Macdonald Winiata.

Story by: Amera Cameron

Tigers are wild and sneaky. They eat horses and meat. They are aggressive and if you are in the forest and a tiger is coming... then run!



My family name is Stevens
• my whanau is great
• there are a lot of
• People in my whanau I love
• them so much they are
• Liz is my mum Chris is my dad
• Olivia is my sister Adam and James
• are my twin brothers they are so
Cute. By Abbie Stevens Room 7



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OUR AMAZING STAFF

Introducing Lorraine Southey - Masterton Primary School's Learning Support Co-Ordinator

Learning Support Coordinator Update Term 1 2022

Kia ora koutou, we have had a great start to the year with happy smiley faces coming through the gate. In fact the children are always keen to get in through the gate before 8.15 am! The current and advancing situation, with the COVID Omicron virus has added a level of anxiety for both students, teachers and support staff. However the school environment is very supportive, kind and understanding of one another's differing needs.

A major part of my work and that of the SLT has been settling children into their new classrooms. For some it is not just the COVID situation but learning the routines and expectations of a new teacher, reconnecting with peers, feeling good about themselves and safe in their classroom. For a small number of students with ongoing extensive needs, Teacher Aide time has been identified as something that would support both the student and the classroom teacher.

Gene has been proactive in ensuring we can provide this support through securing interim response funding whilst discussions with RTLB and other agencies are had. We are providing some Yr 4 - 6 above children with a mask each day should they turn up without one. Some children are struggling to wear them continuously in class, however teachers are proactive in encouraging their use and also in providing plenty of brain breaks and physical activity opportunities. Having an inclusive environment and ensuring our teaching and learning follows a Universal Design for Learning has been a focus. This ensures every child has equal opportunities to access to all teaching and learning activities. In that light we have been actively encouraging breakfast for those who haven't eaten, provided togs and towels (which remain at school and the teachers dry / wash to ensure they are present each day), supplied (free of charge) drink bottles, uniform items and stationery to those whānau who are unable to afford them. This focus and liaison with the Red Cross is ensuring our new refugee family are feeling supported and welcomed by the MPS community whānau.

Anne Donald (Deputy Principal) and I are currently on a 2 day 'Seasons for Growth' workshop. Seasons for Growth offers children and young people a safe space to come together and share their experiences of change and loss. We have identified this as a need amongst our learning community.

Lorraine Southey - Learning support Co-ordinator

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SPORTS NOTICES

There are no sports notices for this week.



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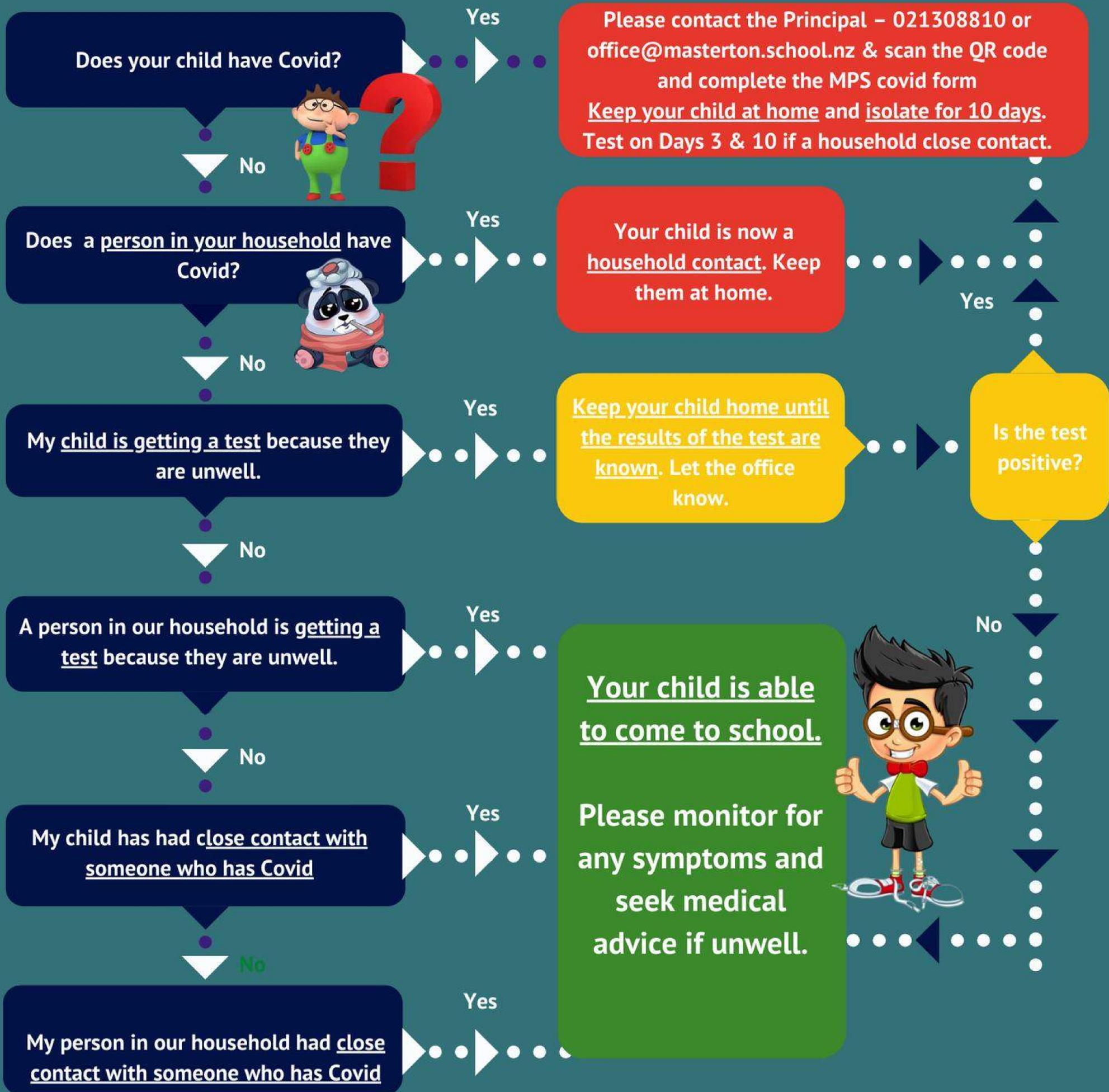
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MPS COVID CASE PROTOCOLS FLOW CHART



Scan me if positive

Who do I need to contact and should my child stay at home? For any queries, contact the school office 06 3775297



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How to work out your 10 days of self-isolation



start over if you test positive

Find out what you need to do if:

you are positive for COVID-19

you are a Household Contact (living with a positive case)*

Day 0

The day you test positive or start experiencing symptoms, whichever is earliest.

Your Day 0 is the same Day 0 as the first positive case in your household.

Day 3

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Get a Day 3 test today, or sooner if symptoms develop. If it's positive, start a new 10 days of self-isolation.

Day 10

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Get a Day 10 test today, or sooner if symptoms develop. If it's positive, start a new 10 days of self-isolation.

Day 11

After 10 days, as long as you are free of COVID-19 symptoms, you will be free to leave self-isolation.

After 10 days, as long as you have a negative Day 10 test result and no COVID-19 symptoms, you will be free to leave self-isolation.

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