



# GORDONTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## From the Principal

Tēnā Koutou Katoa,

Welcome back to our students and staff who were isolated at home last week due to COVID19 being in the school. The majority are back now and getting on with the business of learning. During their absence the rules around isolation changed as the country moved into Phase 3. I shared a flowchart on our social media feed and Seesaw that details our response should a positive case be notified. Essentially children can, and are encouraged to, come to school unless they have Covid-19 or someone in their home returns a positive test. I have reproduced the flowchart in this newsletter for those that missed it.



2022 Student Council

There is no requirement to provide evidence of a negative test to us. The 10 days isolation is sufficient for school purposes.

If your child has symptoms please do not send them to school and get them a test as soon as possible.

### Pick ups and Drop offs

This is working a lot more smoothly now. Thanks to all for your cooperation in the carpark and for your adherence to wearing masks.

We have had the odd incidence of children being dropped off before 8.15am and others occasionally not being picked up - sometimes until 3.45!.



**7 - 11 March**  
**Te Rākau Camp**



**Tuesday 15 March**  
**School Photos**



**Thursday 17 March**  
**St Patrick's Day**  
**Green dress up**



**Friday 18 March**  
**Little Hearts Day**  
**Fundraiser**



School ends at Gordonton at 2.50pm. The last bus leaves at around 3.30. After that time we are not able to provide supervision or care for children who are still at school. Staff often have professional meetings to attend or are required off site. If you believe that you can't uplift your children from school on time, SKIDS runs an excellent after school care programme which I encourage you to use. They have casual rates available. Please contact SKIDS on [www.skids.co.nz](http://www.skids.co.nz) to enrol or programme manager Crystal on 021914411 or email [gordonton@skids.co.nz](mailto:gordonton@skids.co.nz). They run casual programmes up to 4.30pm.

Tomorrow night all of our staff will be in first aid training straight after school. There will be no available supervision for children from 3pm.

#### Te Rakau Camp



Next Monday Te Rākau will be heading away on their much anticipated camp in Taupo for the week. They are really excited and looking forward to the experience. Mrs Van Hellemond has done a wonderful job organising this experience for the children in the face of, at times, overwhelming uncertainty. I will be joining the camp for the first 2 nights and Mr Carter will join the group from Wednesday. I'm so glad that we have been able to continue with this event. Well done Mrs V and Mr Hunt.

#### Student Council.



The Student council was appointed at the start of last week. They navigated a selection and appointment process that included a written application, a CV, and interview.

Congratulations to the 2022 Council:

Head Students: Carter Van Hellemond and Sian Morgan

Deputy Head Students: Olivia Kemp and Kyla McIntosh

Council: Ioan Charman, Makayla Robinson, Niamh Mayall, Laoise Ransley, Lucy Gyde, and Quinn Moody.

#### House Leadership

We also ran a selection for House leaders. These positions are selected by the peers of the students

## Kīwaha

This is another kīwaha you can use to say that something is awesome or something they have done is awesome.

The pronunciation is underneath.

**Ka mau te wehi!**  
(Kah mow te weh-he)

**Awesome, mate!**



after they make a short presentation to their house members.

The successful students for house leadership are;

Pohutukawa - Lachlan Gee, Rebecca Gardiner.

Rimu - Grace Kane, Dyllan Matthews

Kauri - Sam Grayson, Judd Page.

Kowhai - Aila Williamson, Zeke Foster.

All in all a successful week. As I write this my thoughts go out to anyone affected by the situation unfolding in the Ukraine, especially any in our community with ties to that part of the world. There are no positives to come from war. My hope is that things resolve quickly without ongoing and needless loss of life that pays only for political agendas.

Heoi anō tāku mō nāianeī (That's all for now)

Keith O'Donnell  
Principal



## *2022 Student Council*



BACK: Laoise Ransley, Ioan Charman, Quinn Moody, Makayla Robinson  
FRONT: Lucy Gyde, Kyla McIntosh, Sian Morgan, Niamh Mayall  
ABSENT: Carter Van Hellemond, Olivia Kemp

## *2022 House Captains*



BACK: Grace Kane, Dylan Matthews, Lachlan Gee, Judd Page  
FRONT: Aila Williamson, Rebecca Gardiner, Zeke Foster-Davies, Samuel Grayson

*Mā te wā*

See you again.

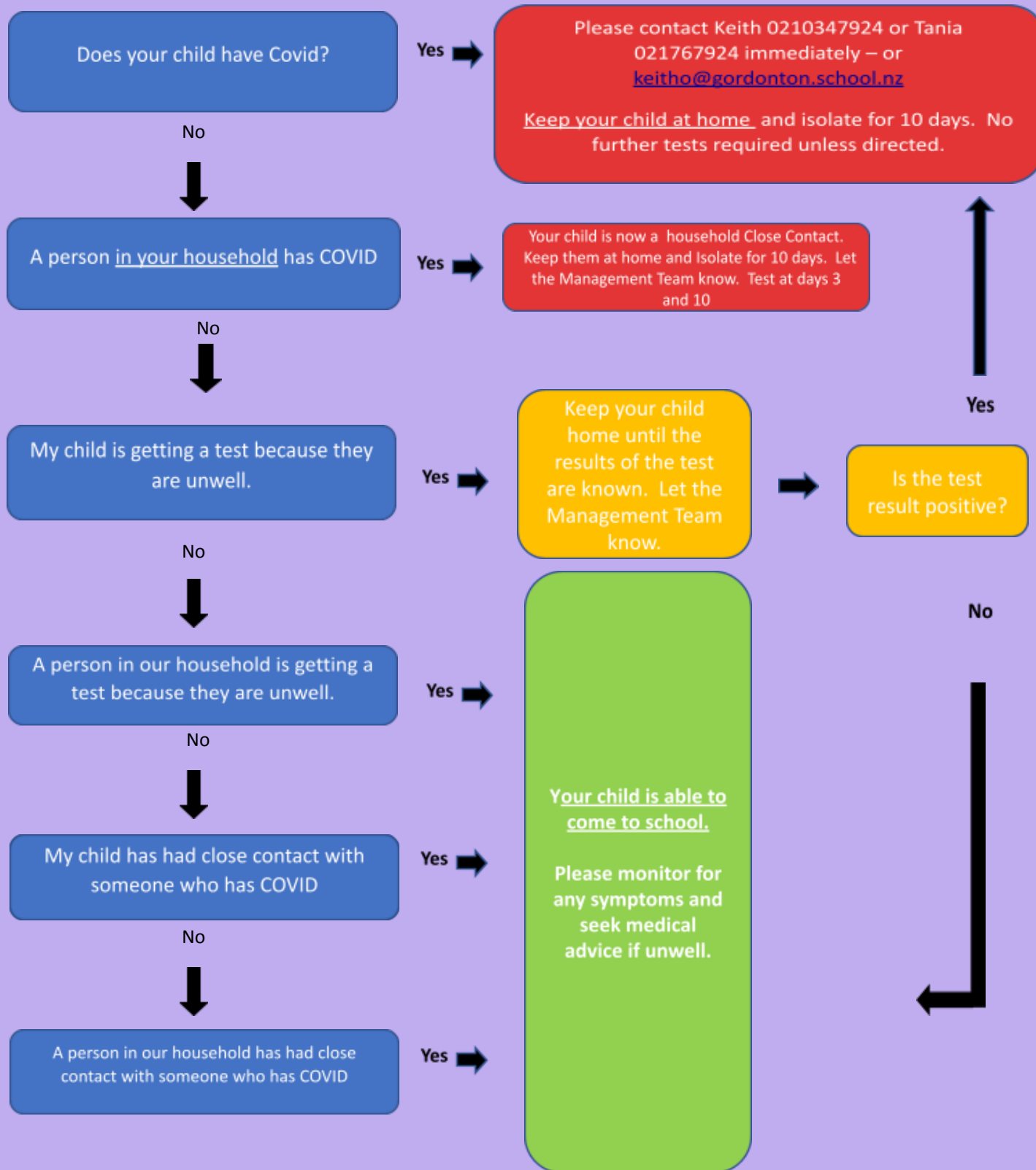






## COVID-19: Should my child stay home?

For any queries please contact the School Office – [admin@gordonton.school.nz](mailto:admin@gordonton.school.nz)

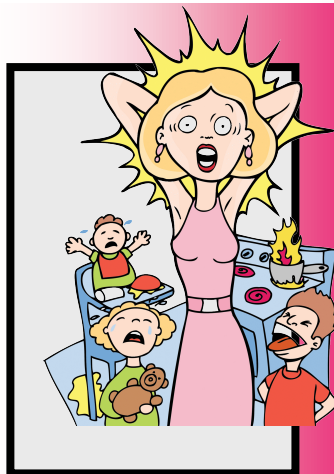


# Community Notices

## NEXT CHAPTER PARENTING

Offering  
The **PARENT SURVIVAL KIT**  
**PARENTING**  
**COURSE**

- Do you find yourself yelling at your child more often than laughing with your child
- Do you feel you have lost touch with your child
- Do you feel frustrated and find yourself saying the same things over and over again with no result



### TOPICS COVERED

COMMUNICATION	CHOICES/CONSEQUENCES	COMPLIANCE
EMPATHY	SIBLING RIVALRY	TEENAGERS AND BOUNDARIES
SETTING LIMITS	PAUSE	TIME IN
PERSONALITY TYPES	PRAISE VS ENCOURAGEMENT	ARE YOU DOING TOO MUCH
		QUALITY TIME

IDEAL FOR  
GROUPS

INDIVIDUALS OR  
A BUNCH OF  
FRIENDS



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WINZ ASSISTANCE WHERE APPLICABLE

## Suburbs Community Sports Club 2021 Junior Rugby Weigh In



Sunday 6th March -  
Times 6th, 7th, 8th

grades 9:00am and 9th,  
10th, 11th, 12th and 13th  
grades 10:30am

At Suburbs Community Sports Club,  
Flagstaff Park, Commodore Ave, Hamilton.

Ages 4-12 year old, boys and girls all  
welcome.

All new player are required to bring a copy  
of birth certificate or passport.

Subs can be paid on the day or online \$90  
for one child, \$60 for every additional  
child from the same immediate family.

Suburbs Community Sports Club  
38-9006-0290804-00

For further details please  
email suburbsjnrrugby@gmail.com

## Kitchen supplies for Rooms 1 and 2

If you have any old cups, plates, glasses, cutlery, cooking utensils that you no longer need at home, consider donating them to the Te Rākau kitchen for Rooms 1 and 2 to use in their learning.

