

WATERLEA WEEKLY



**Great Learning Happens at Waterlea by Connecting with
our Community, Culture, World and Future**

Hello, Kia Ora, Kia Orana, Talofa Lava, Taloha Ni, Bula Vinaka, Ni Hau, Namaste, Malo e Lelei, Deea awit, Sagutom, Fakalofa lahi atu, Dia daoibh, Sillaw, Huan Ying, Hola, Konichiwa, Guten Tag, Здравствуйте

21 February 2022 - The Room 5 edition

On Monday we learnt of our first positive cases at Waterlea involving children. We followed ministry guidelines, moved quickly and communicated information to parents as to our course of action of shifting their learning online. When working within guidelines, when it comes to the school's decision making, it's good to be mindful that every situation has its unique set of circumstances that we need to consider. The course of action for one class might be different than another and likewise when it comes to comparing the actions of different schools.

Yesterday the Ministry of Education outlined several key changes that have been made to contact tracing processes in schools. As a result of this information, we are able to bring Room 10 back onsite today. Up until yesterday, if there was a positive COVID case in a class, all children and staff were identified as close contacts because they spent more than 2 hours with each other. There is no longer a two-hour limit in situations where a positive case and others have been wearing a mask. In these cases, students/staff will be casual contacts and close contacts will only be identified where there may have been direct contact with respiratory secretions. With the health measures we have in place such as regular breaks, ventilation and mask wearing, we are confident we can follow these guidelines. The great news is that this change should reduce the number of close contacts in Years 4-6 which will help to keep classes open

for our oldest students Please note that as we experience more staff being identified as household close contacts, we may need to keep children at home if we experience staff shortages in the future.

At the end of this newsletter, we have provided for you a helpful diagram which outlines what to do in the different covid scenarios.

We appreciate your patience as we navigate these changes, and we will continue to strive to communicate information in a timely manner as they come to hand.

Reporting Absences

Over the coming weeks, if your child is absent from school as they are a close contact, awaiting test results or is covid positive, it would be greatly appreciated if you could let us know how long they will be away from school (if you are able). Alternatively, you will need to fill out an absence form or leave a message each day to update us. As you can imagine, there is an increasing number of children off school and makes it easier to keep of track of everyone's situation.

For health and safety reasons we are required to text parents of children who are absent, and we have not been notified why they are away on that particular day - we cannot make any assumptions that they are still away awaiting a test. Thanks for your help with this.

Show your MANA values

Manaakitanga is about being a good sport and not boasting. Kindness is very important at Waterlea School and in everyday life. Care is another important thing you should show at Waterlea School.



Aumangea is about facing your fears. Sometimes, standing up in front of the class and speaking can be frightening for some kids. Being persistent is about sticking with what you are doing.



Ngākau pono is about telling the truth even if you think you are going to get into trouble. It is also about doing the right thing even if nobody's looking. That is integrity.



Ako is about learning things from others like new maths skills. It is also about teaching others things that you know.



Words by Abigail Williams + Tegan Davies
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Stay safe in the sun

The sun can be mean so let's all be keen about playing outside in the sun.

Slap on some sunscreen, slip on a hat, everybody laugh and play.

Wouldn't you rather be safe in the sun today?

By Olivia Van Leeuwen



Your covid tasks

If you are year 4 and up, you have some tasks, and one is to wear a mask.

It may not be fun but wait there's another one, it is to keep a distance from everyone.

There are also a couple more. The next one is to sanitise before you eat and play.

Now for the hardest task of all, it is to not hug or hold hands with friends, but it doesn't mean the friendship has to end.

Stay safe, stay happy.

By Neve McKenzie

Illustrated by Drian Sanvictores





Yummy stickers



Bring yummy stickers for your class and if your class has the most, your school and class will have free sports gear. Thanks.



By Elliott Hardwicke

Library Books

Hey parents and kids,
Just a reminder to make sure that your kids return last year's library books. Anita would really appreciate it, and other children will have the chance to read new books.

Thank you.

Rylee Tuala



By Theo Manning



Gate opening times

A reminder for parents that the gates will open for kids at 8:30 and the school pick up is at 3:00 unless your kids have Skids after school care.

Hope you and your family have a good week, ka kite, goodbye.

Facts about volcanoes

Did you know...?

There are 53 volcanoes in Auckland.

Rangitoto is 600 years old

The earth's layers are the crust, mantle, outer core, inner core.

A volcano has its extinction birthday when it's 10,000 years old.

Mangere Mountain is 70,000 years old.

Lake Pupuke is the oldest volcano in Auckland. It is 200,000 years old.

There are 3 different types of volcanic eruption. They are explosive eruptions, fire fountain eruptions and lava flow.

Pumice and obsidian come from explosive eruptions.

Scoria and lava bombs come from fire fountains.

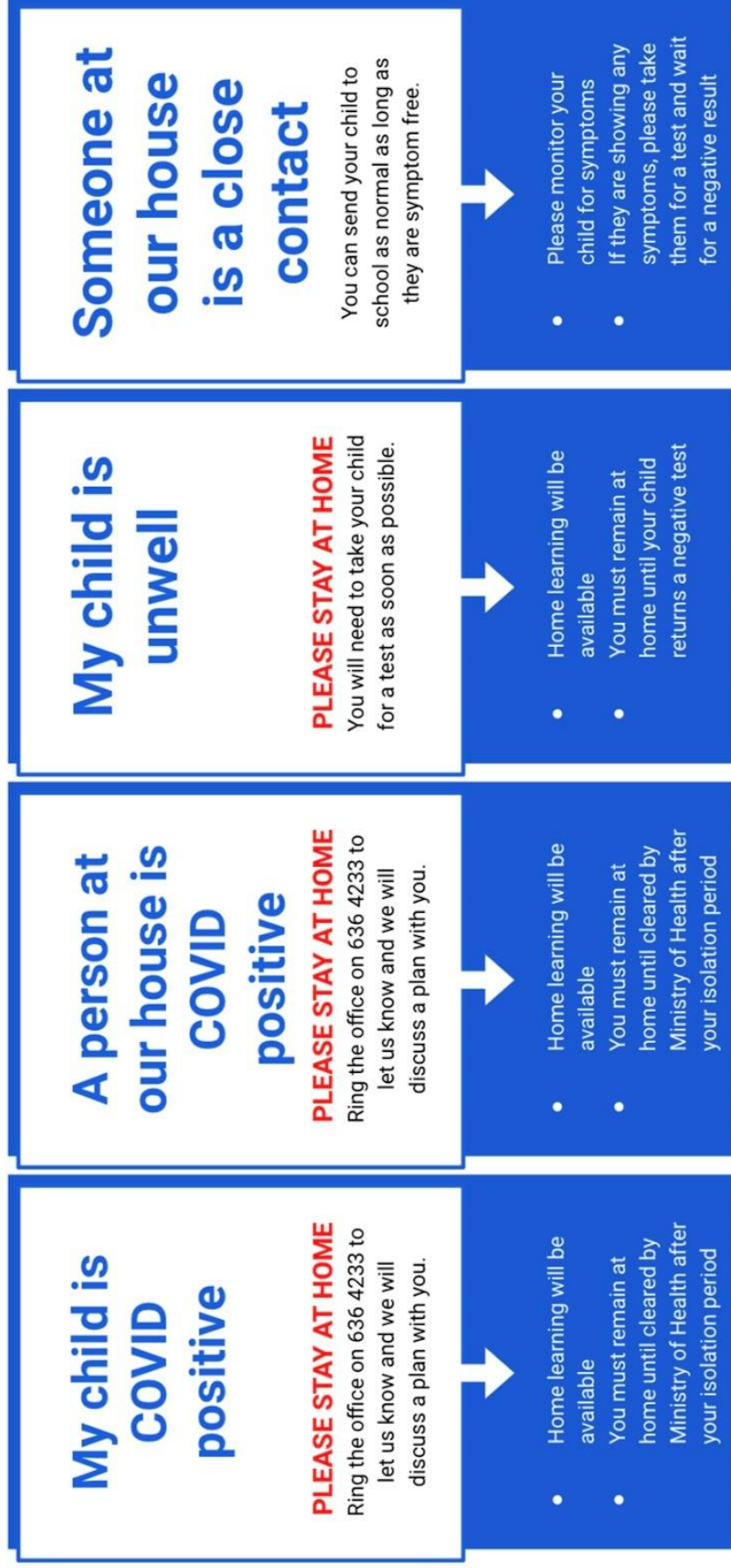
Lava bombs can fly for about 5 km.

Basalt comes from lava flow eruptions.

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COVID Scenarios



Current advice at 23/02/2022