

Belmont Primary School

Newsletter 10 March 2022



Principal's Comments:

Dear Parents and Friends of the School,

Thank you for your support and communication regarding positive cases in your household. Last week we had 25% of our students away (100 children) due to being household contacts or one of the 15 confirmed cases. It has reduced this week.

It is important that you continue to monitor your child's health for any symptoms and if presenting with coughs, sniffly noses or sore throats please keep them at home, even if a RA test shows a negative result. If your child is unwell they need to be at home.

We have had several families whose children are coming back earlier than the school thought due to the original information we received. These are our guidelines that we are following. Please note from Friday it changes to 7 days self isolation.

Day 0 is the date you (or your child) were first tested or symptomatic, whichever was first. It is important when you notify Vesna or the teacher you tell us which day is Day 0, as we record every child on a

Our staffing has also been affected due to being household contacts of their children, however we have outstanding relievers who have been associated with the school for a long time so hopefully, the transition is seamless and our normal learning programmes can continue. We are very fortunate to have so many talented relievers to call upon.

Thank you to the Year 5 and 6 parents for your understanding of both camps being postponed. I know the kids were disappointed but too many kids would have missed out on the experience if we had gone ahead with the planned dates.

A reminder that the school is having a Teacher Only Day on Friday March 25th and therefore will be closed. This is part of the NZEI collective agreement.

Finally, thanks to the parents that have volunteered to coach or manage sports teams or be a parent help for waterwise. This is very much appreciated.

spreadsheet, which then informs us which day is Day 8, the return to school date. You need to test on Day 3 and Day 7 and if negative you can come back. I understand there is pressure to return to work and that your household may seem fine, however these are the guidelines we must follow currently, including staff and their households. I understand children may come to school while a parent is symptomatic as the parent thinks they may just have a cold, like you did pre COVID. Just let us know which is the Day 0 date, and this will stop confusion.

Take care and thanks for your support in these changing times.

Kind regards,

Bruce Cunningham

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Upcoming Events

Friday 25 March	Teacher Only Day
Thursday 7 April	Parent Teacher Conferences for Year 1-4
Thursday 14 April	Last day of Term 1
Monday 2 May	Term 2 starts

Term Dates 2022

Term 1 Thurs 3 Feb to Thurs 14 Apr

Term 2 Mon 2 May to Fri 8 Jul

Term 3 Mon 25 Jul to Fri 30 Sep

Term 4 Mon 17 Oct to Fri 16 Dec



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