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Sunflower Competition

Last year Nicky Berry from Sothebys International Realty gave all the children sunflower seeds to plant as she kindly does every year. Thank you, Nicky, for all of the amazing prizes you gave the children, they were all very excited. Below are the entries. Congratulations to all and congratulations to Bailey Mowbray for the tallest sunflower.

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Dear Parents & Caregivers
Tēnā koutou te hunga pānui o tō tātou hāpori.
Ngā mihi mahana ki a koutou katoa

With just one day left until we move into the school break, from midnight tonight the country is moving to orange traffic light settings. There are two significant changes for schools.

Firstly, the capacity settings are now removed and so schools can hold events both indoors and outdoors with no capacity limits. Secondly, mask wearing requirements have now changed. While experts have advised that mask wearing in schools should remain until the end of winter, the decision has been made at government level that mask wearing will be strongly recommended but not mandatory. The following is the advice from Ministry of Education:

- It's strongly encouraged that face masks continue to be worn by ākonga and staff in Years 4-13 when indoors. Face masks are one of the key health measures to help slow the spread of COVID-19 in indoor settings.
- It's also strongly recommended to wear face masks in large indoor gatherings such as assemblies.

Face masks when dropping off and picking up students

- Parents and caregivers dropping off or picking up students before and after school are encouraged to wear masks at all settings of the framework.
- If you are aged 12 years or over on Ministry of Education funded school transport and public transport you must continue to wear a mask.

The seven-day isolation period for positive and household contact cases remains.

As of today, we have 14 positive cases of Covid-19 amongst our children, this includes one new case in Aoraki hub who was last at school on Tuesday (12th). The Board's position on mask wearing is to follow advice and encourage students, staff and parents to wear masks where appropriate.

As for tomorrow (Thursday), the Ministry of Education advice is "you should retain your current settings at school tomorrow so that you have time to plan for any changes. You should maintain the expectation that students in years 4 and up (and relevant staff) continue to wear masks until the end of the term".

Wishing you all a wonderful Easter. Please enjoy Poipoi hub's ANZAC artwork at the bottom of this newsletter Koina ngā kōrero mo tēnei wā

Kia pai ō koutou wiki Nāku nā

Glenn



















Easter Colouring Competition

It was great to see so many entries in the school Easter colouring in competition. Well done to all who entered and congratulations to these winners.



How amazing is this beautiful Anzac day artwork from Poipoi Hub. It is displayed in the office if you want to have a look next time you are here. The children thoroughly enjoyed doing this and learning all about the meaning of Anzac Day





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Adam from the Hawkes Bay Rugby Union came into the school last week to promote rugby in schools. He did some awesome drills and skills with the children which they loved.











HOCKEY

Are you planning ahead for Term 2 sports? Here is the hockey season information.

Y1/2 Hockey season is from June to August, after school on Wednesdays.

Y3/4 Hockey season is now from September to December, after school on Tuesdays.

Y5/5 Hockey season (for beginners) is also from September to December, after school on Tuesdays.

Notices will come out next term, closer to the start of the season.



Dynamo's Futsal team (all Port Ahuriri School boys Yrs 4-6) had a great first season. They won 5 games out of 7. Scored a total of 54 goals! Leo Pietersen scored a whopping 19 of these! All the boys played a valuable role in the team, developed their soccer skills & had heaps of fun. Well done boys!!

Port Ahuriri Playcentre is looking to contract for a cleaner, one hour per session x 4 sessions a week. For further information please contact us at portahuriri@playcentre.org.nz



