



Westport South School

Newsletter

Week 5 Term 1
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Week 5 and it feels like we haven't even really started. It is definitely going to be a topsy turvey year. Each day brings something new.

It was very exciting last Wednesday to welcome our Prime Minister and her party to our school. Several staff and children gave her their perspective on the floods and how it affected everyone. She thanked us for allowing the school to be used as an emergency centre and we were able to talk to her about things that were on top for us. Then we all had photo's taken and she was very obliging as she went from class to class to have a photo and few words with the children.



Omicron

As you will have heard, there are Omicron cases in Westport and in schools. At phase 3:

- Positive cases must self-isolate for 10 days
- Household contacts of that case also need to self-isolate for 10 days
- Any other close contacts not living in the household **do not need to isolate**. They do need to monitor their own health and only if they have symptoms do they need to be tested and remain at home until the test result is known.
- Close contacts with no symptoms (asymptomatic) and all others can continue to attend school as per normal.

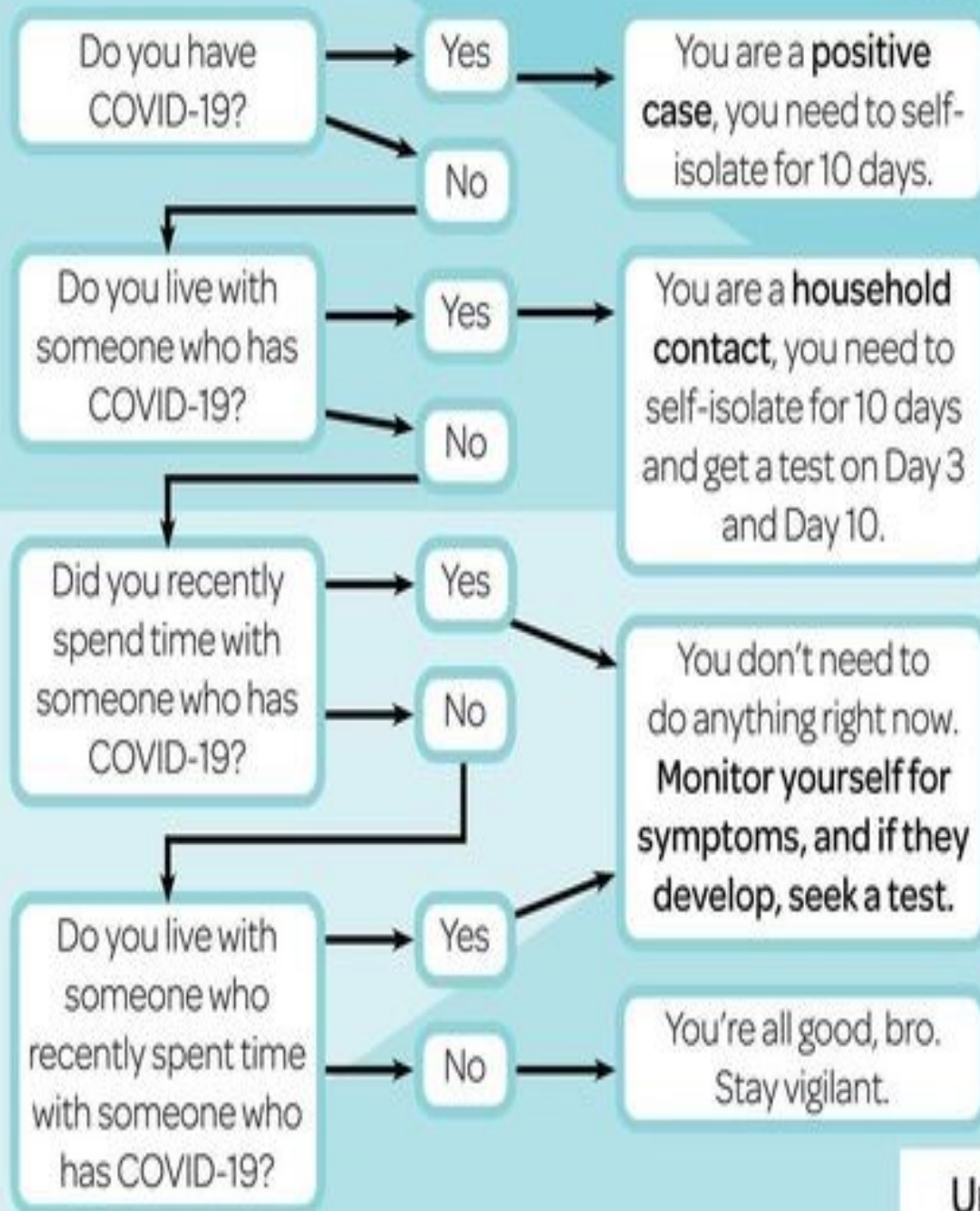
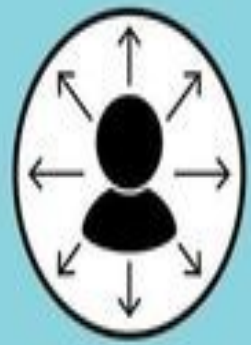
For those students self-isolating, please contact the school so that we can provide direction for their learning to continue whilst away.

I have attached a diagram over the page which clarifies the process.

Water supply

There are still serious issues with Westport's water supply including drinking water. In addition to conserving water as much as possible, there is boil water notice in place. At school supply is an issue. We are boiling water each day and refilling our supply for if children need a top up but could you please ensure your children to bring their own drinking water to school?

What type of **contact** are you?





A big thank you to Steve our caretaker for repainting our shapes out side the junior rooms. They look amazing.

On Wednesday 16th February, Room 11 went to Charleston to learn about the local history and tourism. We went to Constant Bay, rode on the Rainforest train, walked through the luscious bush, ate our lunch at the Charleston Motor Camp and had a swim at the Nile River cove. Thank you so much to Mrs Clem and all the parents who gave up their time to come with us.



Coming Events Term 1:

4th March	R9 Heading out to see Bees at Hateley's
8th March	R10 Cape Foulwind trip postponement 9th March
6th April	BOT Meeting in staffroom 5.30pm
14th April	End of Term 1
2nd May	Term 2 Starts



Principals Awards:

James Rossiter: A stunning start to school in 2022, Ka Pai on your increasing confidence James!

Renesamay Dohi: An amazing start to the year. You are helpful, caring and try your best at everything.

Harris Duff: Participating during all our class activities.

Alizae Rehu-Williams: A fantastic start to the school year, make a huge effort to complete all set tasks! Tumeke Alizae!

Sophie Russ: Your positive attitude to start the year and your ability to show HEART in any situation.

Regan Keeley: Your positive attitude during maths and willingness to understand new concepts.

Dulina Palliya Ralalagedon: Thanks for your positive attitude, sense of humour and hard work to start 2022.

Oliver Yates: An extremely positive start to 2022. Great self-control!

Althea Withers: Demonstrating fantastic leadership skills and being a good role model for others.

Zoe Murray: Showing HEART by helping take care of the classroom and equipment.

Hazyn Martini: Showing HEART and supporting others. Great leadership Hazyn!!

Liam Hartigan: His focus and attention at swimming that has lead to quality improvements!

Welcome To:

Violet Kinniburgh, Natalie Salter, Dylan Neilsen.

Please make sure that you have kept the office up to date with any change of address or phone numbers.

Relieving Cleaner Wanted: The school is looking for a relief cleaner to clean when any of our cleaners are away. Duties would include vacuuming, cleaning toilets, wiping surfaces. This job would need to take place after school from 2.45 to 4.30ish. Applicant needs to be double vaccinated and also of had a booster shot. If you are interested please contact the Principal Jo Duston at jo.d@westportsouth.school.nz

