



# Kelvin Road School Newsletter

"Be the best you can be...  
Kia toa, Kia Manawanui

18th February 2022  
Term 1 Week 3

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**MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!**

## Upcoming dates

### 2022 Term dates

**Tuesday 1st Feb**  
Start of Term 1

**Thursday 14th  
April**  
End of Term 1

**Monday 2nd May**  
Start of Term 2

**Friday 8th July**  
End of Term 2

**Monday 25th July**  
Start of Term 3

**Friday 30th Sept**  
End of Term 3

**Monday 17th Oct**  
Start of Term 4

**Wed 14th  
December**  
End of Term 4

### BOT meeting dates

15 March 2022  
17 May 2022  
21 June 2022  
16 August 2022  
20 September 2022  
18 October 2022  
15 November 2022

If you would like to  
report an absence  
please  
call 092988417  
(press 1 for  
absences) Or Text  
021 089 17417



Our thoughts go out to our tamariki, kaiako, and kaiawhina who are recuperating or isolating at the moment.

It is wonderful to welcome in new families to our school. Our children are happy and settled and enjoying learning inside and outside the class.

Next week a number of students can return to school.

Please ensure;

- Your child has received a negative test result
- No household positive cases
- Your child is not presenting with any Covid-19 symptoms

**Room 16** students may return on **Monday 21st February**

**Room 8** students may return on **Monday 21st February**

**Room 12** students may return on **Monday 21st February**

**Room 3** students may return on **Monday 21st February**

**Room 18** students may return on **Tuesday 22nd February**

**Room 10** students may return on **Tuesday 22nd February**

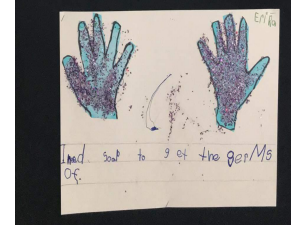
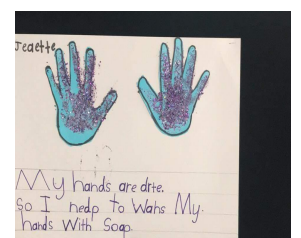
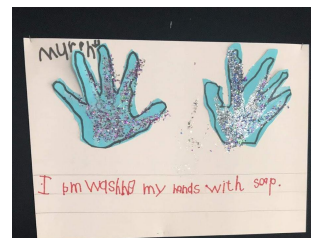
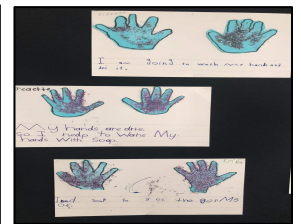
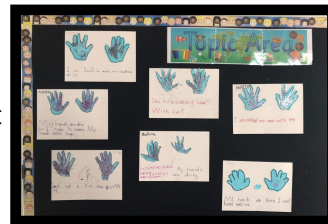
Teachers will also call their class to advise them of their return date.

Parents need to contact your child's teacher to inform them a negative test has been returned.

If children are at home unwell or isolating we will provide online learning or a hardcopy pack. Please just talk to your child's teacher about your preference.

## Room 1

We have been practicing to follow healthy and safe procedures to keep ourselves safe at school. We participated in a science experiment to see how germs (glitter) stayed on our hands if we didn't use soap and water. What would happen to them? When we applied lots of soap to our hands the glitter washed off easily with the water, we discovered that if we didn't use the soap we could see how the glitter stayed on our hands and when we touched other objects it would transfer. The **Glitter Germ Experiment** helped us see the "germs" and give us a more concrete understanding of how handwashing and germ prevention work is so important to keeping ourselves safe. We wrote about our learning and created some artwork.



**Stationery sales are available from the school office daily 8.15am-2.30pm**

## Board News

The Board of Trustees met on Tuesday 15th February 2022. In that meeting a number of policies were approved for adoption. You can check out our policies on Schooldocs (login information below).

The management of Covid related issues were the main point of discussion, a number of ways that the school has addressed the health and safety operations were presented. You may request a copy of this month's board minutes by contacting the school secretary at [secretary@krs.ac.nz](mailto:secretary@krs.ac.nz) or by phoning (09)298 8417.

## Schooldocs - Policies and Procedures

If you would like to view any of the school's policies or procedures you can view these at any time using the login below.

[www.schooldocs.co.nz/home](http://www.schooldocs.co.nz/home)

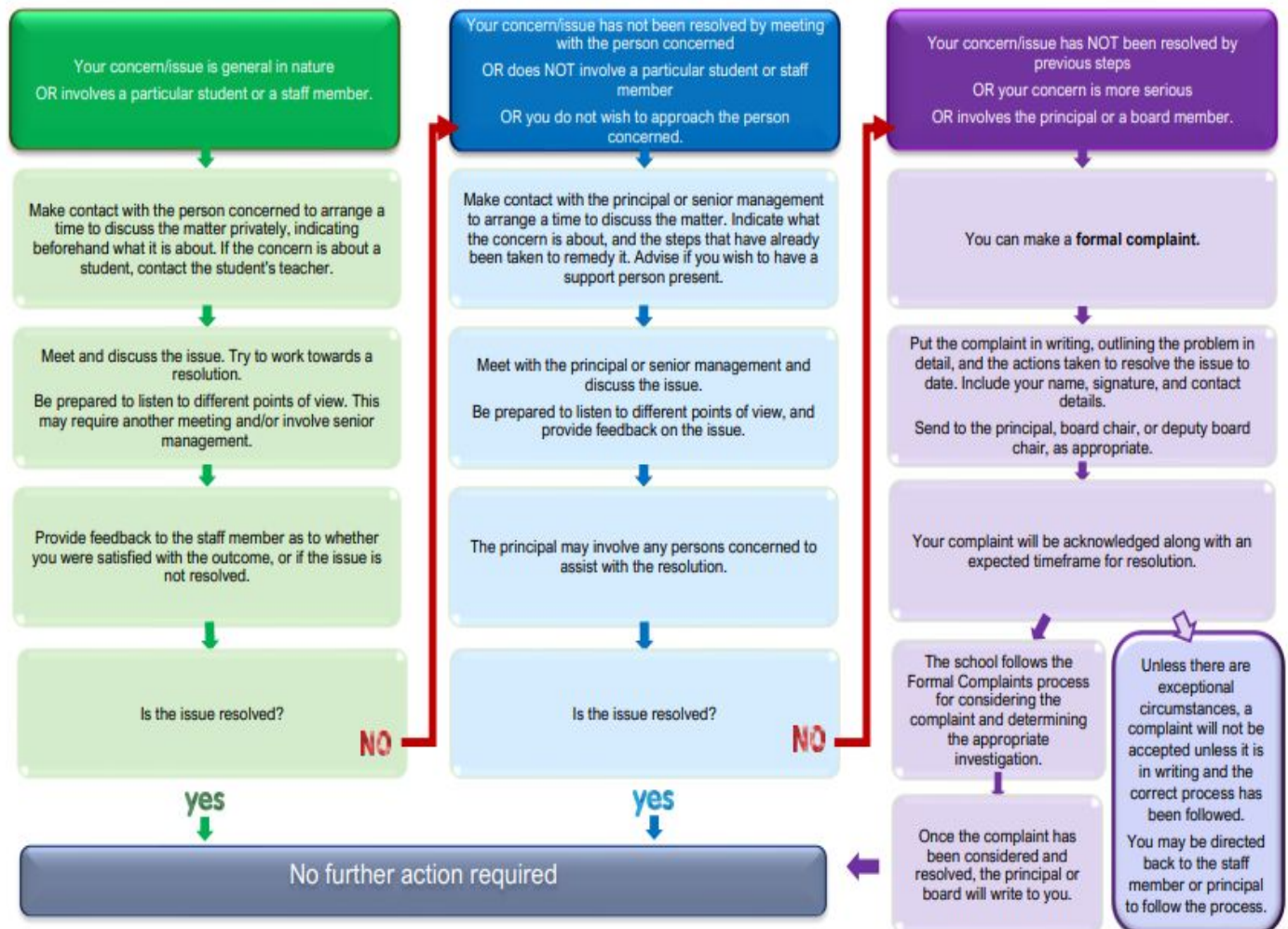
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## Concerns and Complaints Process

Most concerns can be resolved informally by discussions with the people concerned.



This flowchart aligns with the school's Concerns and Complaints policy and procedures.

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## Caregiver contact details

If you have had a change of address or phone number you will need to contact the school office to update your details. This is very important in case an emergency occurs at school involving your child and we need to contact you.

These details are only kept on file for this reason and are confidential.

## Phase two

We have moved from the Red Light Setting to Phase 2.

### What Phase 2 means for us:

1. For **positive cases**, the isolation period moves from the current 14 days to 10 days
2. For **close contacts** (People in the same indoor classroom as a case -classmates or staff - who were sitting nearby - within 1.5m- for more than 1 hour) of cases the isolation period moves from the current 10 days to **7 days**.
3. For **casual contacts** (any other person within the school - inside, less than 1 hour contact - outside, any period of time) please monitor for symptoms. If there are no symptoms children continue to come to school.

The school will continue to use both the Ministries of Health and Education's guidelines.

If there were to be a positive case at Kelvin Road School;

### The school will follow a process outlined by the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education which includes:

- Letters to close contacts and to the community informing of a positive case
- Determining infectious period
- Managing staff and students home learning options for those needing to isolate
- Continuing to operate the school where possible
- Organisation of a possible school closure depending on the frequency of cases.

### What you can do to help:

- Keep your child at home if they are sick
- Make sure all children Year 4 and above wear masks, for Year 3 and below mask wearing is optional
- Avoid catching up with other parents, children and whānau at the gates
- We encourage parents to say goodbye to their children at the gates
- No parent entry into classrooms, with the exception of new entrant students transitioning to school
- Maintain a two-metre distance from people not in your household bubble. Entry to the school office is one family at a time
- Wear a face mask - no mask, no entry, please scan on entry.

### If your child tests positive or is a close contact and is instructed to isolate:

We ask that you do not contact your child's or children's teacher, but email [secretary@krs.ac.nz](mailto:secretary@krs.ac.nz) with the following information:

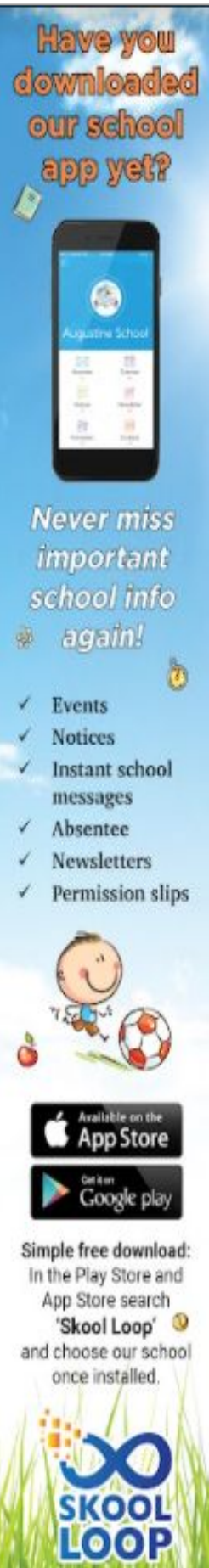
- Name of your child and any household members at Kelvin Road School
- Date they last attended school
- Date they tested positive (if they are confirmed positive)

Communicating with the office only will help us to ensure this information is acted on appropriately.

### Online learning

This will only be provided for students who are **isolating at home** OR who have an exemption from returning to school. Please contact the office if this applies to you.

If you have questions or concerns, you can contact the school office.



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