



Whāia te mātauranga hei oranga mō koutou
Learning for Life and Making it Count

Up and running for the year...

2nd March 2022

Here we are in **Week 5** already...

- the playground greener than it has ever been at this time of year,
- classes getting under way,
- welcomed **local principals** and our local **MP**,
- had our **assemblies and singing** outdoors,
- a dozen or more **swimming and water safety lessons** (and hoping to get to 20)
- kids happy in the playground ... **building huts**, playing **football** and **tennis**,
- new **Maths** approach started,
- **new staff** appointed...

Whew!





New teachers

We are excited about **Mrs Siobhan Cummings** starting teaching in Room 5 in a couple of weeks (21st March), and can also announce that our new teacher in Team Tipu next term will be **Mrs Lisa Hewitt**. Lisa is currently teaching at Pegasus Bay School and she has a number of strengths that will complement our team at Ouruhia, including lots of junior school experience, structured literacy and reading, Maths No Problem, and Digital Technology.

Term 1 Learning Conferences

On **Tuesday 15th** and **Wednesday 16th March** we are having our Term 1 Learning Conferences. This is an opportunity for teachers to hear from you about how your child has settled in this year and any difficulties, successes or attitude changes you have noticed at home. Teachers can also share any observations they have made during the first weeks at school. Two or three individual academic and social (or other) goals will be set, and these will be reported back on at mid-year. Children can also accompany their parents and participate in the goal setting and information sharing. *(Research shows that when children reflect on their learning and talk about what they would like to do better, helping set goals for improved learning, they are more likely to do something about it.)*

In order to fit everybody in, **school will close at 2.50 p.m.** on those two days. Please collect your children promptly on these days to allow appointments to get started on time at 3.15pm. The discussions on Tuesday will run into the evening.

Interviews can now be booked on **Skool Loop** as explained below:

If you go to the Interviews Icon on the Skool Loop Home page and press School, Mrs Dudley, Mrs Watson's, and Mrs Heywood's names will show.

Press the name of the teacher you want an interview with and the dates will come up. Press the date you would like to have your interview on and the times will show.

Book whatever time suits you and press submit. Easy as that!!

Don't forget to add your email address so you can receive a confirmation email.


If you do not have the Skool Loop app see how to download the app here.




*If you have any problems please do not hesitate to contact Raewyn:
office@ouruhia.school.nz or ph 03 323 8855*

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Simple free download:
In Google play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose our school once installed.



Cyber-safety Day

As part of our role to help teach our children to keep safe on-line and develop good habits with digital devices, we held a Cyber-safety day across the whole school this week (3rd March). Thanks to the teachers for all the activities they prepared dealing with care and use of devices, passwords, cyber-bullying, on-line traps and appropriate use.

We are following our school values when we do the right thing on-line:

♦ Caring and Sharing

- Take responsibility for what you post
- Help others who may need assistance working online
- Be respectful, kind and understanding with comments and posts
- Take pride in what you post/upload
- Cooperate and collaborate respectfully with others when working together online

♦ Thinker (critical, creative, caring, reflective)

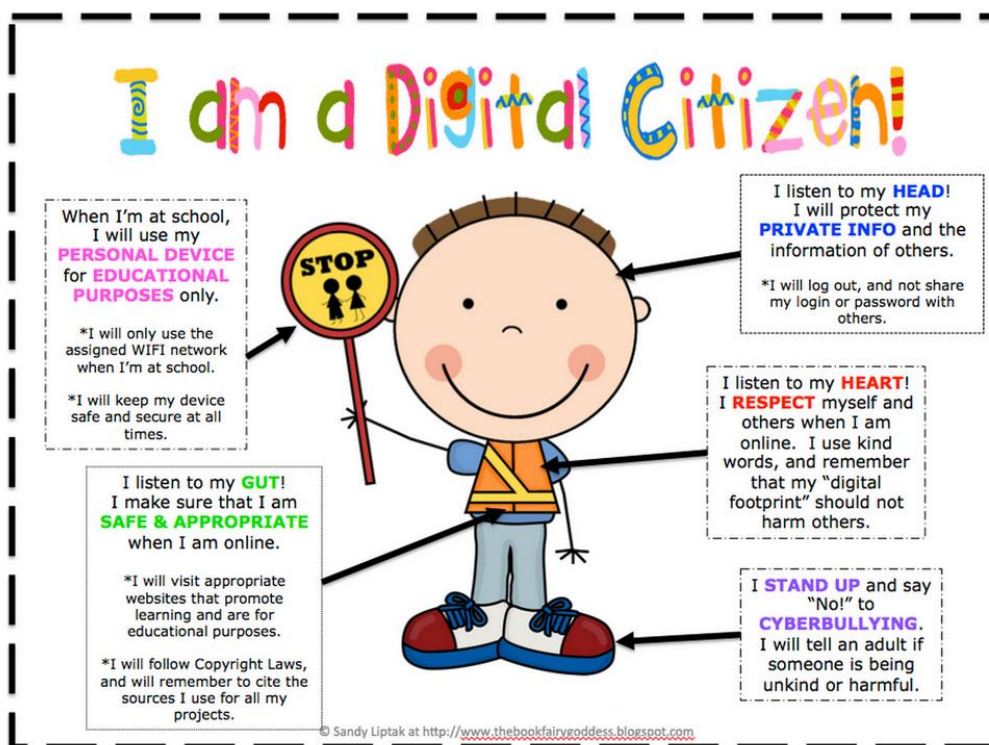
- Be reflective about what you see and what you post
- Think critically about what you view, read and create. Is this true? Is this appropriate? Is this really helpful for my learning? Is this being respectful, kind and caring? How can I use this for my learning?
- How can I be creative with online tools while remaining respectful and considerate?

♦ Having a Can Do attitude

- Know you can do something about anything you see that's inappropriate online and/or with how people behave online
- You can block people
- Show determination to get what you want and produce what you want from online tools
- Push yourself out of your comfort zone but always be wary of things you don't really understand or are concerned about

♦ Be Independent

- Try things out on your own
- Have a goal for what you want to achieve
- Strive to produce your BEST (Better Every Single Time) result
- Always check in with a known adult (parent, teacher) if you are unsure or uncomfortable with anything you come across



Covid Advice Update

With Covid cases increasing across NZ in recent weeks, we have also seen an increase in cases in our community, with three cases recently notified in our school. These cases isolated immediately at home.

The health and wellbeing of our children, staff and community is a top priority so we are closely following the Ministry of Health guidance for schools.

At Phase 3 of the Omicron response, only cases and household contacts are legally required to isolate.

Please continue to follow good practices when it comes to your own health and the health of your whānau.

What we're doing

- We are staying open.
- We are using public health measures to reduce the risk in our settings, including masks, physical distancing and ventilation.
- We have appropriate cleaning procedures in place.

What you need to do

- You and your whānau should be very vigilant about monitoring for symptoms.
- If any symptoms develop, get tested immediately.
- Then, stay at home until you receive a negative result, AND until you or your child is symptom free for at least 48 hours.
- Wear a face mask when out and about.
- Wash hands often with soap for 20 seconds and dry your hands completely.
- Wash your hands if you have been in a public place or after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid touching your face, and cough or sneeze into your elbow or cover your mouth with tissues.
- If you and your whānau haven't been vaccinated or boosted, please do so as soon as possible. You can [book online](#) or call 0800 28 29 26. It's free.

Symptoms of COVID-19

- A new or worsening cough.
- Sneezing and runny nose.
- A fever.
- Temporary loss of smell or altered sense of taste.
- Sore throat.
- Shortness of breath.

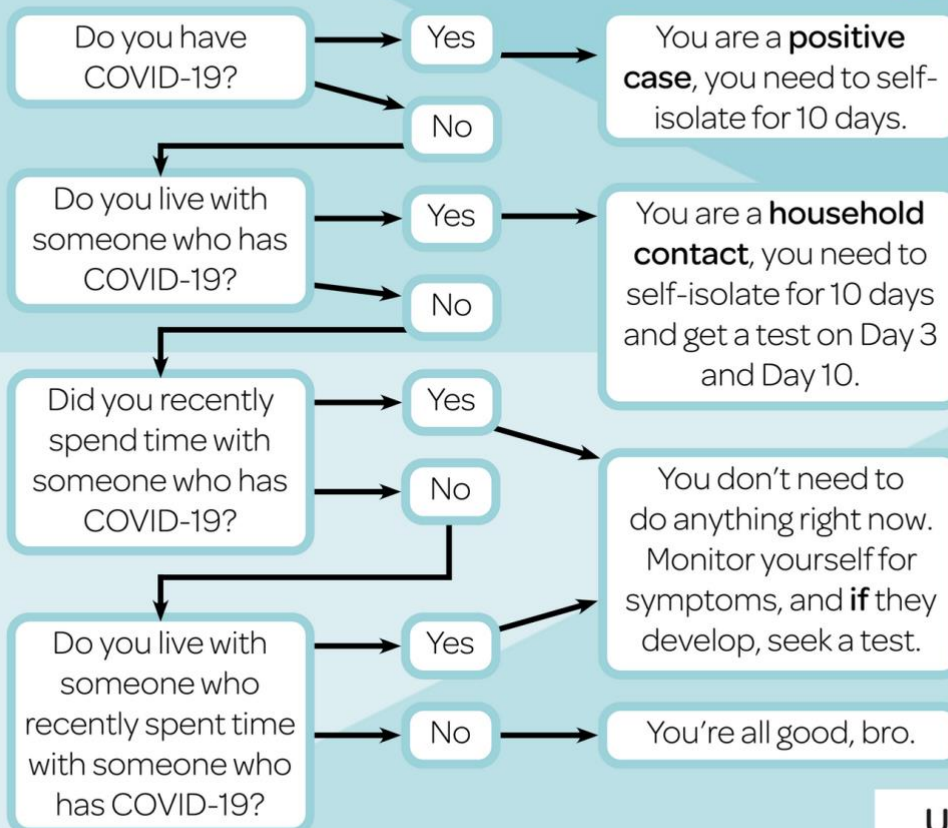
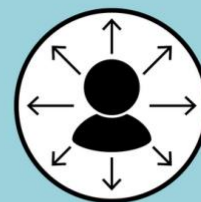
Less common symptoms include diarrhoea, headache, muscle aches, nausea, vomiting, malaise, chest pain, abdominal pain, joint pain, or confusion/irritability.

For more information, go to [the Unite Against COVID-19 website](#).

In summary then...

- If sick, please stay home and get tested.
- Notify us if anyone in your household tests positive for Covid as the Ministry of Education has asked to be notified so they are aware of how schools and communities are being impacted.
- See the flow chart, below, to help you remember what to do.

What type of contact are you?



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Other news:

Working Bee: Tidying up our gardens and grounds, and preparing for new storage shed building. Dependant on weather, but please put **Sunday 20th March** in your calendar, 9:30-12:00. Email principal@ouruhia.school.nz if you can help.

Thank you,

Looking forward to seeing you soon,

Mark and the team at Ouruhia

2022 Term Dates:

Term 1: Thur 3rd Feb – Thur 14th April

Public holidays: Waitangi Day: Mon 7 Feb
Good Friday 15 April

In term break: Easter Monday 18 April
ANZAC – Mon 25th April

Term 2: Mon 2nd May – Fri 8th July

Teacher Only Day?: Fri 3rd June TBC
Queen's Birthday Monday 6th June
Matariki Friday 24th June

Term 3: Mon 25th July – Fri 30th Sept

Term 4: Mon 17th Oct – Fri 16th Dec

Labour Day Monday 24th October
Canterbury Show Day Friday 11th November