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MT MAUNGANUI INTERMEDIATE

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COMING EVENTS 2022

MARCH 2022

11	School Swimming Sports
15	HPV Vaccinations – Year 8's

APRIL 2022

13	Last Day Term One
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MAY 2022

2	First Day Term Two
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Wearable Arts – CAN YOU HELP??

Students are requiring some materials to construct their wearable arts garments for an upcoming competition. Can anyone please help us with the following?

- large sheets of cardboard
- silver fabric
- foam rubber
- black or blue mesh/netting
- coffee capsules

Please drop to the office. Many thanks.



Pictured above – Thank you to the Parent Support Group, who donated 6 sets of headphones for every class in our school. Above are students from rooms 9/10 enjoying the use of these.

Kia ora Parents and Whanau

Our final update about the COVID situation for this week follows:

I completely acknowledge how frustrating it is to be on the receiving end of information that changes so rapidly. It's been a big week at school - we have done our best to respond accurately and quickly. Thank you so much for bearing with us and for being so supportive of our ever changing communication regarding COVID.



As you are aware, New Zealand's COVID-19 response continues amid much larger numbers of daily cases.

You may well have seen the headlines in the media about the numbers of cases being seen in schools. Please don't be alarmed by this. It is only natural that as cases in our community increase, they will appear in our school. We have really good systems in place to respond to this and to keep any spread of the virus – as it appears – to a minimum.

You may have seen Dr Jin Russell in the media noting [research from New South Wales about their recent Omicron outbreak](#) showing that spread within the school setting is very low (less than 4% of cases at school infected someone else when at school). We have seen that in New Zealand too.

This is why we remain open at Red. It's great for a child's wellbeing and learning to be at school with their friends and school staff and we have very good systems in place to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Your job remains the same too: please continue to keep a really close watch of your whānau for anyone with symptoms. If unwell, please stay at home and get advice about getting a COVID-19 test.

With Phase 3 of the Omicron response, the key change is that it is **only confirmed cases and their household contacts who need to self-isolate**. Everyone else, including those who may have had close contact with the case but aren't in the household, must continue to monitor really closely for any symptoms of COVID-19.

Rapid antigen tests (RATs) are now being used to diagnose COVID-19 as well as PCR tests. This means that you will get an almost immediate test result back if a RAT is used.

If anyone in your family is confirmed as having COVID-19, you will be asked to notify your close contacts yourself. Please get in touch with us as soon as you can if your child has tested positive for COVID-19. We will, in turn, inform students who have shared the classroom space with the case in order to encourage their families to watch extra closely for symptoms.

From the Ministry of Health:

Transmission of COVID-19 is still most likely to happen in your home – so please keep doing all those good things to keep your whānau safe. Wash your hands, get lots of fresh air, cover any coughs and sneezes, clean surfaces regularly, and seek advice if anyone is not feeling well. And please wear a mask when you are out and about. There is information online to help your family prepare to isolate if you need to.

The most important advice we can give to keep your whānau safe is to act as if you have COVID-19. More than a third of people who have COVID-19 will not have any symptoms if they have had three doses of the vaccine. Please think about who you visit and what health measures you can put in place to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Getting three doses of the vaccine will really help you to do that. Research has shown that compared with being unvaccinated, three doses of the vaccine will mean you are 67% less likely to be infected with Omicron and 97% less likely to get Delta. If you can't get COVID you can't pass it on.

Finally, we know how hard the impacts on COVID-19 have been for many families in New Zealand. If you know of a family in our community who is struggling, please encourage them to reach out for support for example to access food, medicine, or access financial support: [Help is available – COVID-19 Health Hub](#).

If you have any concerns about sending your child to school, please do get in touch. Remember, MMI encourages all students, regardless of their vaccine status, to be at school. Being at school provides routine, connection and stimulation for our learners and we are committed to keeping school life as normal as possible in this rapidly changing world.

On the topic of keeping things normal, it has been great to see many of our classes visiting Pukehinahina in recent days as part of term one's inquiry. The students have enjoyed their outings, learning about our local history in the very place that the Battle of Gate Pa took place. I have enjoyed seeing and hearing what they learned on this valuable excursion and would like to thank all parents who supported their child's class with transport.

We are here to help whanau. Thank you again for your support and understanding.

Nga mihi nui

Melissa Nelson



PHASE 3 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

In Phase 3, only household contacts of confirmed cases are required to self-isolate.

The isolation period will be 10 days.

All other contacts of COVID-positive people are not required to isolate, but they will need to monitor for symptoms.

Rapid antigen tests will become the primary testing method.

Q Who do we advise if our child tests positive for Covid-19?

A Please contact the Principal at school on **07 575 5512** and email **admin@mtint.school.nz**. We ask that you also notify your child's teacher as soon as possible.

Q My child is a close contact of a case within our household. What does this mean?

A In Phase 3, being a household contact means your child (along with all other members of the household) must self-isolate for ten days. Testing, for household contacts, will happen on Day 3 and Day 10. Your child can stop isolating and return to school after a negative Day 10 test.

Q My child is close contact of a case not associated with our household. Can they come to school?

A **YES.** Your child can come to school. Anyone who is a close contact of a non-household member does not need to self-isolate.

Q My child has tested positive for Covid-19. What does this mean?

A Your child will need to self-isolate and your whānau members will be designated as household contacts.

This means:

- Your child will need to self-isolate for 10 days
- Your whānau will be household contacts and also need to self-isolate as per the guidelines
- We will anonymously notify your whānau class to encourage watching for symptoms

Q My child is self-isolating. What school-work will be available?

Home Learning Packs will be available for students without a device. These will be matched to the NZ Curriculum Level each student is working on for Numeracy and Literacy.

If students have access to a device at home, they will be given access to a google classroom to complete their work.

If there are situations where staff are isolating as well as a class, we will shift to a distance learning programme.

If a student is unwell, there is no expectation for them to do any work.

Although New Zealand is in Phase 3, we are still at Red under the COVID-19 Protection Framework.

Mitigation measures such as mask wearing to reduce spread of COVID-19, vigilance about symptoms and staying away if unwell continue to be a priority.



COVID CASE MANAGEMENT PROTOCOLS

As we navigate the current Covid-19 Omicron outbreak, there will be cases that start to arise within our Mount Maunganui Intermediate School community. Planning for the possibility of absent staff and/or students is complex and will require flexibility and patience from everyone involved in and around our school. The information on this page is a step by step guide of what to do for your child and who to notify should cases emerge.

Mount Maunganui Intermediate's response to the Omicron outbreak will happen in four stages depending on case numbers at school and in the community.

STAGE 1

School is **open** with all students learning on-site.

STAGE 2

School is **open** with some students on-site and some students learning from home.

STAGE 3

School is **open** but the **school site is closed**. Distance learning programmes are in place.

STAGE 4

School is **closed** with no learning programmes available due to staff illness.

How long do I need to isolate for?

Updated guide to self-isolation



You will need to self-isolate from others if you:

are positive for COVID-19

live with a positive case

You must isolate at home or in suitable alternative accommodation. If you test positive for COVID-19, a health professional will help you decide if managed isolation is suitable for you.

Isolate for 10 days from when you test positive

Isolate for 10 days

No further tests required unless directed to

Tests on Day 3 and Day 10

Financial support may be available - check our website to find out what you may be eligible for: [Covid19.govt.nz/financial-support/](https://www.covid19.govt.nz/financial-support/)

This information is accurate as at 24 February 2022. However, it may be updated if phases of the Omicron response change. For the most up to date information, please visit our website at www.covid19.govt.nz/

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What type of contact are you?

What type of contact are you?



Do you have COVID-19?

Yes

You are a **positive case**, you need to self-isolate for 10 days.

Do you live with someone who has COVID-19?

Yes

You are a **household contact**, you need to self-isolate for 10 days and get a test on Day 3 and Day 10.

Did you recently spend time with someone who has COVID-19?

Yes

You don't need to do anything right now. Monitor yourself for symptoms, and if they develop, seek a test.

Do you live with someone who recently spent time with someone who has COVID-19?

Yes

You're all good, bro.

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We are so excited to tell you about our Camp for 2022, which is tied into our term one inquiry about the local history of Tauranga Moana.

Covid presented a challenge for planning this year's camps. As we wanted to ensure equity for all students at MMI, we have deliberately selected experiences where we can be inclusive of all our students, regardless of their vaccination status. This means that every child at MMI has access to camp. We have booked entire venues, so the venue will essentially be our kura for the day. However, any adults who help out on the day will be required to be fully vaccinated.

Given the restrictions under the “red” level, we have decided that overnight stays are not wise in the current climate. Instead, so that our students do not miss out, we have been busy planning several exciting experiences for your child to enjoy as a three day, daytime camp.

Each class will be involved in several EOTC learning experiences which will take place over 3 fun-filled days.

THESE EXPERIENCES ARE:

- 1. Stand-up Paddleboarding, Waka Ama and a guided walk to understand the cultural significance and History of Mauao.**
- 2. Visiting Tahuwhakatiki Marae for powhiri and cultural activities.**
- 3. Adrenaline Forrest and a cruise in the harbour on “The Kewpie”.**

Part of the fun of the camp experience is sharing meals with your classmates. The cost of the camp is inclusive of lunch each day.

Your child will be involved in these learning experiences between weeks 5 and 10 of term one.

The voluntary cost of these camp activities is \$120 per child. Please pay this into account number: **12-3146-0104711-03**. Please use your child's initial and surname as the code and “camp” as the reference. Cash, credit card and EFTPOS are also accepted at the office.

Last year, the majority of families paid the camp donation which gave us confidence to go ahead and plan camps for this year. We are sincerely hoping that as many families will make the voluntary camp donation in 2022. We may not be able to sustain the EOTC/School Camp programme in the future if we do not receive your support, to cover costs.

Your child's teacher will be sending out detailed information specific to their classroom shortly. Keep an eye on your emails so that you are fully informed about dates and the opportunity to join us on our three-day excursion as a camp parent.

EDGE APP FOR CAREGIVERS

The Edge app gives you access to view your child's data including (but not limited to) Attendance and Financial details. You cannot pay school bills through this app. You can make payments via internet banking to our bank account 12-3146-0104711-03 using your child's name as ref and what you are paying for as the code. Cash, EFTPOS and credit cards are accepted at the school office.

Logging into the Edge App is quick and easy with just a few steps required to get you underway.

Download the app for your device. It is available for both Apple and Android devices and can be downloaded from the relevant stores.

For Android click here:

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=io.musac.edge>

For Apple click here:

<https://apps.apple.com/nz/app/musac-edge/id1174126289>

To add the Edge App to an iPad, search and download the Edge App under iPhone, not tablet. There may be a filter to select> Supports> and select iPad only.

Once you have downloaded and installed the app, the first thing you will need to do is set up your PIN. You will need to enter your PIN twice to confirm it.

Once you have done so, you will be presented with the login screen.

If you have set your school account up with Gmail, you can use the G+ authenticator to log in. If not, enter the email address you have provided to MMIS.

You can then use the 'Reset Edge password'. This will email you a link to set up your password. Follow those instructions to set it up, then return to the app.

These steps will only have to be done the first time you log in. If you use the Log Out function in the app you will need to repeat the above steps.

Once you have logged in, you will be presented with your Dashboard, and from here you can view your child's data. The settings menu can be found in the top right corner. From there you can change your PIN, view your profile etc, as well as log out of the Edge account (only necessary if you have multiple Edge accounts).



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ATHLETE FACTORY
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USEFUL INFORMATION

SCHOOL TIMETABLE School Starts – 8.45am Morning Interval – 10.25am Lunch – 12.20pm Dismissal – 2.45pm	ABSENTEE INFORMATION Please inform us of your child's absence by using one of the following ways: Text – 027 232 0446 Phone – 575 5512 ext 1 Email – absentees@mtint.school.nz Your child's teacher will see their absence. Please do not email the teacher directly as they may not see it or they may be absent.	BUS INFORMATION Click here to go to the Bayhopper School Bus website – Bus Information
MEDICATION If you child has a severe medical condition or needs to take medication at school please contact the office.	TERM DATES Term 1 - 1 February to 13 April (14 th TOD) Term 2 - 2 May to 8 July Term 3 - 25 July to 30 September Term 4 -17 October to TBA TEACHER ONLY DAYS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thursday 14 April Friday 3 June 	TERM 1 UNIFORM/SHOES/HATS Term 1 recommends all students to wear a school hat. Hats can be purchased from the Papamoa Warehouse or NZ Uniforms. It is beneficial for students to wear a hat when they are outside. We appreciate your child may have specific footwear requirements, due to severs, or other conditions. Please consult with us before you purchase shoes that may not fit with our uniform requirements. All shoes must be plain black.
DROPPING YOUR CHILD TO AND FROM SCHOOL These are NOT drop off zones: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lodge Avenue Staff Carpark Lodge Avenue Turn Around The Bus Bay on Links Avenue This is for the safety of your children, when dropping off or picking them up. <u>Please refrain from entering and parking in these areas.</u>	SCHOOL TELEPHONE The school office telephone is for emergencies only . Please make sure your child knows what their after school arrangements are before they come to school. These calls are at a cost to the school.	PARENT SUPPORT GROUP We are calling for anyone interested in being part of the Parent Support Group (PSG) to contact us. They are always looking for volunteers to join their team. Please email if you are interested: mmintermediatepsg@gmail.com
CAMP INFORMATION Camp information is detailed in this newsletter.	ORDERING LUNCHES We operate a lunch online system. You do need to register for this. The website for this is: www.lunchonline.co.nz . You can order from 9 th February for the following days of the week: Wednesdays – Subway only Thursdays – Bakers Delight & Sushi Fridays – Subway only	CHANGE OF DETAILS It would greatly assist us if you could please advise the office if you have any changes of address, phone numbers, email addresses and emergency contact details. In the event of an emergency, sickness or injury we need to be able to contact someone who can collect your child.
COMMUNICATION Checkout out our website, newsletters, daily notices and Facebook links. https://mtint.school.nz/ https://mtint.school.nz/daily-notices/ https://www.facebook.com/Mtint.school.nz/ https://mtint.school.nz/newsletters/	SPECIALIST FEES Specialist Fees are \$40.00 per year. This covers the following specialist subjects we offer here at MMI: Food Technology Hard Materials/Electronics Media Studies/Robotics Music Visual Arts Dance and Drama	ONLINE PAYMENTS SPORTS FEES/OPTIONAL TRIPS ETC - If you wish to pay online or by automatic payment you are encouraged to do so. Our bank account number is: 12 3146 0104711 03 Please put your child's name as the reference. PLEASE NOTE – we have strict cut off times. When we give a due date this cannot be changed. Please do not be disappointed if you miss out if the date has passed. No correspondence will be entered into if you miss a cut off time.

COASTAL VALUE CERTIFICATES 2022

Term 1 – Week 4

1	Henry Scott	For an amazing start to Intermediate life. Well done Henry you are a great role model, keep it up!
3	Mercy Su'a	For being a responsible and proactive ICT monitor. Thanks for using your initiative and making sure you have done your responsibilities ahead of time.
4	Kyla Wills	For a fantastic work ethic and being so flexible in the Tryathlon
7	Daryl-Taekata Murray-Thomas	For the way you have stepped up this year and are providing encouragement for the new students in our whānau. You are going to be an awesome leader. He whetū koe!
9	Nathan Appleton	You never cease to amaze me! Congratulations on a great effort during the try-athlon. Kei runga noa atu koe! You are awesome!
10	Holly Steele	For overcoming obstacles and showing perseverance during the tryathlon - I'm really proud of you.
12	Olivia Taurerewa	For settling in so well into Whanau 12 and being a delightful student who always follows the MMI Coastal Values. Well done Olivia.
14	Grace Biddulph	For always being a positive role model and being rewarded by her peers by being selected as Room 14's Class Councillor.
15	Zoe Jones	For being a role model to others and making the class a brighter place with your smile. Kei runga noa atu koe! You are Awesome! 🥰
16	Peyton Crawford	For showing resilience and having a positive can do attitude! Great work Peyton, keep it up!!
17	Charlie Weir	Using his initiative and continued to complete work online during isolation - Kei te whakahīhī au ki a koe! I am very proud of you!
19	Ellowyn Culliford	For consistently finishing tasks to a high standard, being so creative and having excellent attention to detail.
20	Josie Crowder	For working hard in class. You are focused on your work and completing it to a high standard. Mīharo Josie, keep it up!
21	Corrin Madden-Haakma	For being a focused learner who always tries his best. You have made an excellent start at MMI Corrin and model our coastal values well.
22	Calyx Hampton	For actively engaging in our learning about the Battle of Gate Pa. I love your passion and excitement toward this topic. Ka rawe!

23	Charli Palmer	For being a super role model by staying focused in all your learning, helping other students and having a positive attitude. You have settled into Whānau 23 beautifully! Tino pai!
24	Jay Eilering	For consistently being focused on your learning and striving to complete all tasks to a high standard.
26	Rio Piatek	For actively engaging in math lessons, sharing his knowledge of the concepts being taught with specificity. Ka pai Rio!
Visual Arts	Jivannah Barnsdall Room 22	For creative design work and application of pastel techniques.
Digi Tech	Isaac Richards Whanau 24	For being thoughtful when following the Design Thinking Process and creating an original monument on Tinkercad.
Music	Max Jeffcoat Room 20	For working hard, helping others and always showing respect.
Dance & Drama	Tahlia Murray Whanau 6	Showing exceptional initiative when collaborating with others and in making sure others had a group to be a part of. You are an amazing leader Tahlia. Ka pai to mahi.
Food Tech	Danielle Apperley Room 16	For being a self-confident learner who always works with calmness & complete poise. You are a great team member Danielle!

LUNCHONLINE UPDATE

Baker's Delight will no longer be offering lunches from **Term 2**.

You will still be able to order Subway
- Wednesdays & Fridays and Sushi
on Thursdays.

www.lunchonline.co.nz

COMMUNITY NOTICES



**Kiaido Ryu
Martial Arts**

MOUNT MAUNGANUI DOJO

TIME: 6.00 - 7.30PM

TUESDAYS AND

THURSDAYS

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NEXT CHAPTER PARENTING

Offering

The PARENT SURVIVAL KIT

PARENTING COURSE

- Do you find yourself yelling at your child more often than laughing with your child
- Do you feel you have lost touch with your child
- Do you feel frustrated and find yourself saying the same things over and over again with no result



TOPICS COVERED

COMMUNICATION	CHOICES/CONSEQUENCES	COMPLIANCE
EMPATHY	SIBLING RIVALRY	TEENAGERS AND BOUNDARIES
SETTING LIMITS	PAUSE TIME IN	ARE YOU DOING TOO MUCH
PERSONALITY TYPES	PRaise VS ENCOURAGEMENT	QUALITY TIME

IDEAL FOR
GROUPS

INDIVIDUALS OR
A BUNCH OF
FRIENDS



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