



Headlines

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Swine Flu Plans

The Ministry of Education has passed on advice from the Ministry of Health about preparations for a possible swine flu (H1N1) outbreak. The Ministry of Health said:

"There are clear signs of the early stages of a pandemic, namely significant increase in the number and spread of infection outside Mexico and North America. The overseas experience of the virus shows schools seem to be particularly susceptible to the virus as evidenced in the US, Europe, Japan and also Australia."

"...at this stage all evidence suggests it will be a matter of when, rather than if, the virus appears in our community."

This advice is the first step in the national plan for dealing with a possible epidemic. The major goal is prevention with preparation.

The College has its own plan and we are taking the advice of the MoH and MoE and getting prepared.

"Schools and early childhood services by their nature are susceptible to many viruses and influenza in particular is readily spread by children."

We advise all parents that:

- We are monitoring all students with colds or flu like symptoms.
- We are monitoring MoH updates.

We ask parents to:

- Emphasise hygiene routines with their children.
- Keep children with colds and flu at home.
- Contact their GP by phone if flu is suspected.
- Consider keeping students returning from the US, Australia or Japan at home for one week after they have returned in order to ensure that they do not have any flu.

The MoH has advised us that should any cases of Swine Flu appear in our community all the schools in the area would probably be closed. If this was to be decided, it could happen very fast. It is possible that the school could close on the day of the notification. Schools would be closed for at least one week, but a closure may last longer. (One week is the length of time a person is infectious.)

The school has a plan for this:

- Students will be fully informed about what is happening.
- They will be given a newsletter for parents containing as much information as possible.
- They will be given school work to do for the period of the closure.
- School will close at 3.10 pm (the normal time) on the day of the closure and students will come home in the normal way.

For the full text of the MoH and MoE advice to schools go to <http://www.minedu.govt.nz/>. Click on the link below the heading, "PUBLIC HEALTH NOTICE" on the right hand side of the page and follow the link.

The need to be well prepared is emphasised by yesterday's press release from the Ministry of Health:

"We are watching with concern the rapid increase in the number of confirmed cases in Australia, particularly in the state of Victoria. The continuing rise in the number of overseas cases notified to the World Health Organization and the sudden increase in the number of confirmed cases in our closest neighbour make it increasingly difficult to keep influenza A (H1N1) out of New Zealand."

Prevention is the Key



Cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze.

Don't cough or sneeze in to your hands without washing them immediately.



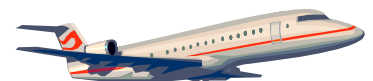
Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water;

- Before handling food
- After using the toilet
- After playing sport or being on the fields



Don't come to school if you have a cold or the flu.

Don't forget to ring us and let us know, please!



Consider staying home for one week after travel from the US, Japan or Australia.

SPORTS NEWS

DRAW: Starting Friday 5 June

BASKETBALL (Boys) Friday 5 June
Senior Boys v Glenfield NSEC 2 6.00pm

RUGBY Saturday 6 June
1st XV v Kingsway Silv 3 12.00pm
5th Grade v Takapuna Taka 1 10.40am
6th Grade v Westlake 3 Kaip 1 10.40am
7th Grade v Westlake 1 Kaip 1 9.30am

NETBALL Saturday 6 June
Senior 1 v Rangitoto 3 Court 6 9.45am
Senior 2 v Carmel 2 Court 6 9.00am
Senior 3 v Long Bay 6 Court 11 12.45pm
Year 10A v Pinehurst 2 Court 11 10.30am
Year 10B v Rangitoto 23 Court 13 12.45pm
Year 9A v Birkenhead Court 13 9.00am
Year 9B v Northcote 3 Court 22 9.00am

FOOTBALL (Boys) Saturday 6 June
1st XI v Henderson Hend 1 10.00am

WATERPOLO Sunday 7 June
Sen C Grade v West Spr Divewell 7.30pm

FOOTBALL (Girls) Wednesday 10 June
1st XI v Rangitoto 2 Rgtt 1 4.00pm
2nd XI v Glenfield 2 Glfd 1 4.00pm
Junior v Westlake Kaip 1 4.00pm

BADMINTON Wednesday 10 June
Kaipara Cox v Waitakere Ct 2 3.30pm
Kaipara Mix v St Dom 6 Ct 5 3.30pm

BASKETBALL (Girls) Thursday 11 June
Senior Girls v Hato Petera Ct 2 AUT 4.45pm

HOCKEY Wednesday 10 June
Boys 1st XI v Kingsway 2 Rang 6.00pm

Thursday 11 June

Girls 1st XI v semi-finals – game tba

Friday 12 June
Girls 2nd XI v Rangitoto Crown 1 5.00pm

RESULTS: Starting Wednesday 27 May

HOCKEY Wednesday 27 May
Boys 1st XI v Westlake 1-0 loss

Thursday 28 May

Girls 1st XI v Birkenhead 4-0 win

Friday 29 May

Girls 2nd XI v Glenfield 1-0 loss

BASKETBALL Thursday 28 May
Senior Girls v Kristin 61-8 win

BASKETBALL Friday 29 May
Senior Boys v no game

RUGBY Saturday 30 May
1st XV v Birkenhead 16-14 win

5th Grade v no game

6th Grade v no game

7th Grade v Westlake 2 29-0 loss

NETBALL Saturday 30 May
No games – Queen's Birthday Weekend

FOOTBALL (Boys) Saturday 30 May
Boys 1st XI v no game

WATERPOLO Sunday 31 May
Senior B v no game

FOOTBALL (Girls) Wednesday 3 June
1st XI v Birkenhead 5-1 win

2nd XI v Kingsway 1-0 win

Junior v Orewa 2-1 loss

BADMINTON Wednesday 3 June
Kaipara Cox v Green Bay 5-0 win

Kaipara Mix v Kelston B 1 4-1 win



Top Junior Chefs Show Their Skills



Courtney Pirie will represent the College at the NZ Beef and Lamb Junior Burger Competition in July having qualified first in a field of eight chefs for the privilege. Tom Beattie was second.

Thursday, 2 July

Careers Expo & Parent Report Evening

Community Careers Expo
12 Noon until 7 pm
Every body is welcome
Hangi at 3.30 pm

Meet your child's teachers
& visit the Careers Expo.
4 pm & 8 pm
Appointment sheet with
reports – mailed shortly.

COMING UP

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| 19 June | Friday | Teacher Only Day 1 |
| 24 June | Wednesday | Teacher Only Day 2 |
| 2 July | Thursday | Parent Report Evening |
| | | Careers Expo |
| 3 July | Friday | End of Term 2 |
| 20 July | Monday | Start of Term 3 |

For careers, scholarship and contact information see either Ms Couch or look on the Kaipara College web-site under Careers www.kaiparacollege.school.nz