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Dear Parents and caregivers,

With immense gratitude I would like to thank you all for your diligence in responding to our requests to keep everyone safe. All our students, regardless of their mode of learning had a successful start to their 2022 school year. Seeing their enthusiasm when meeting their teachers and the students who will be part of this year's learning community will remain memorable, as we continue to work together to build connectedness and monitor everyone's wellbeing.

On Wednesday we reversed a long standing record as we welcomed our 58 new foundation students. Not one of these well prepared students cried or showed signs of trepidation. Kudos to our new families for the confidence you have already instilled and for the level of trust you have imparted onto us as we provide assiduous care for them in their new learning environment.

We have had many families doing the right thing by notifying the school of their own or children's positive cases and making us aware of the timeframe for when it will be safe for them to re-join our community.

As expected, on Thursday we experienced our first positive classroom contact case of a student. Parents of the students in the classroom contact's class and immediate sub-team were notified. Please note, even though many students from the sub-team were working remotely their parents were also notified of the positive case, out of an abundance of caution if there was possible contact out of school hours through play dates or sporting activities. We have had a few teachers off as a result of COVID situations and have continued to put in place contingency plans to ensure continuity for our students. Several teachers are testing to stay at work, indicative of the *Testing, Isolating and Quarantine for School Settings* guidelines.

We are extremely grateful for the number of parents who have prepared their child to feel comfortable about wearing masks. Knowing masks will provide the greatest defence within the classroom we will continue to strongly encourage their use during learning times. Child size masks are available in all our classrooms if at any time a student requires to refresh their mask brought from home. All children attending OSHC are required to wear a mask at all times.

In order to continue to provide a safe environment I still need to reiterate:

- No adults on the grounds before school (This week our very capable foundations students will be "kissed and dropped" at the Gladstone Road gates)
- No adults in the front office, please wait outside and we will attend to your needs asap
- Please do not arrange appointment pick up of your child during recess time 11:10 am to 11:30 or lunch time 1pm to 1:40pm. It is not safe for you to be walking around the school looking for them. Reminder that no child can leave the grounds unless the parent has come to front office to sign them out. A courtesy message to the teacher is always appreciated
- If your child is late then do not take them directly to their class. Your child will need to go to the front office to check in. If they cannot walk independently to their room we will assist them. Ideally no student should have their day disrupted because of partial attendance. We will be monitoring lateness this year due to the unacceptable number of students whose education has been disadvantaged due to promptness not being a priority in their household
- Do not send your child to school if they are unwell, including having a cold.

Please keep an eye out next week for our e-newsletter. For our new families our e-newsletters are published via email and SKOOL BAG in weeks 3, 6 and 9 of the term. Being our first edition for the year, we will be able to welcome new families and teachers, share a map of where to find our classes and share exciting information about our new playground, the commencement of our Centennial pathway and how you can nominate for our Governing Council.

Kind regards

Karen Duval
Principal

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