



# Kaeo School



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**Term 1**

**Week 8**

Hello,

Everyone connected with Kaeo School will know how much we value regular attendance at school. Simply, if children are absent from school then we can not do our jobs, indeed the large majority of our children that require extra assistance at Kaeo School are those that have poor attendance.

It is recognised that the last two years of the pandemic have affected attendance and that we are, as a country, prioritising our health and wellbeing somewhat over learning but attendance remains important and everyone should be doing their best to ensure that children attend school as much as possible.

Covid will be with us for a while yet and there is no cut off date for when we will be free of it. Therefore, keeping children away from school until the risk of contracting Covid is gone could see them isolating at home for a long time – clearly this is not a logical or sensible approach.

What is sensible is what we all have been doing. Sending children to school when they are well. Keeping children at home when they test positive for Covid 19 and for the required 7 days when they are household contacts. Keeping children home when they are unwell for reasons other than Covid 19, maintaining a close focus on personal hygiene. Getting them (and yourselves) vaccinated will also help to minimise the risks of catching Covid.

Additionally, it is important too that children have the structure and routine that school provides, that they see their friends and teachers (and principal!) and that even in these strange times that 'normal life' continues as much as it can.

Kind regards,  
Paul Barker.

*"The golden way is to be friends with the world and to regard the whole human family as one." – Mahatma Gandhi.*

## Students of the Week

Congratulations to the Students of the Week for Week 7 – Olivia, Braxton, Raina, Royall, Lucious, Taylah-Rose and Elizabeth. Well done to each them.



## Reporting to Parents

Given the challenges that Covid brings we will not be holding parent/teacher meetings this term. Instead, we will be sending home a brief update at the end of the term. Hopefully, formal parent/teacher meetings will be able to take place late in Term 2.

## Welcome



A big welcome to Ms Emma Stovell who joined us this week as a Student Teacher. Emma will work with Mrs Carter in Room 5. We are sure you will enjoy your time with us Emma!

## End of Term

The last day of this term is Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> of April (the day before Good Friday). School will close at 1pm that day.