



### **Health Alert from The District Health Board**

We have a child with measles in Hawkes Bay. Measles is a serious, highly infectious viral disease that is easy to prevent through immunisation. We suggest you release the following information, again, to your whanau and wider community.

If your child has had two doses of the Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) immunisation they are protected.

As there is a high chance that measles could spread throughout Hawke's Bay, we urge you take the following steps to make sure your child is protected:

Check your child has had two doses of the MMR immunisation.

If your child only has a record of receiving one dose of MMR they should have another as soon as possible. If your child has no record of MMR immunisation they should have one dose now and a second dose FOUR weeks later. Immunisation is FREE from your GP or Practice Nurse.

Please make sure your child's school has a copy of their immunisation certificate. If your child has contact with a person with confirmed measles they may be asked to keep away from school for up to two weeks if there is no record of them having been immunised against MMR.

Immunisation is highly recommended as it protects your child and helps prevent the spread of infection in the community when an outbreak occurs.

If you require further information, you can find out more from the Ministry of Health's website [www.health.govt.nz/measles](http://www.health.govt.nz/measles)

### **Guitar Lessons & Piano Lessons**

Guitar lessons have started again with our new tutor. His name is Jamie Fisher and he has over 30 years experience and comes well recommended. He can be contacted on 027 2913310 or email, [fishermusic37@gmail.com](mailto:fishermusic37@gmail.com).

Kathy Fletcher will be starting piano and flute lessons from next Monday, 875 8392 or 027 8242669.

### **Cross Country Training**

Yes, Term 3 means we have started Cross Country training.

As a school we run around our 'short block' that surrounds our school site. **Can you please make sure your child is bringing their PE gear to run in—including sneakers.** They are running for about 10 minutes at 12.10pm at the moment. One of our big aims here is to lift the fitness level of every child.



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### **Read Together Programme**

This term we would like you to consider taking part in our Read Together workshop programme. We all know how important reading is for children to succeed. One of the things that really helps children to become good readers is support from home.

The Read Together workshops will show you how best to do this.

The programme consists of three workshops and a graduation- each 1 hour and 15 minutes.

**These will be held at the school on:**

**Thursday 1 August 1:45-3:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday 8 August 1:45-3:00 p.m.**

**Thursday 15 August 1:45-3:00 p.m.**

The programme does not cost you anything but you will get a huge benefit out of it and it will help your children become much better readers.

The workshops will finish in time for you to collect children after school. Please let us know if you need crèche facilities for pre-schoolers.

The workshops will be taught by our two Reading Recovery teachers, Katrina Drinkwater and Nicola McCullough.

If you would like to attend the programme please leave your name with Mike in the office (ph. 876 4958). If you have any questions about the programme, please talk to your classroom teacher or to Kathryn Rowe, before or after school.



So far we have quite a number of parents who have downloaded this App and they love it. You can use it for absences, permissions, and to check out what's happening. Just download it from your App Store and get it to search for St Matthew's School, Hastings.

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