



MacFarlane Newsletter

Week 1—Term 1, 2022
01/02/2022



Principal's Message

Welcome to 2022

Hello, my name is Philip Russell and I am the new principal at MacFarlane Primary School. I am very excited to be here and to meet you over the next few weeks. While I may be new to Katherine, I have lived in the Northern Territory for the last thirty years.

To those new to the school welcome and to those already enrolled welcome back to the 2022 school year at MacFarlane Primary School. It is fantastic to be finally back at school and hopefully things will work out so that we don't have too many disruptions.

MacFarlane Primary School has a Pandemic Plan and a Response Plan to guide us in the first four weeks of school. As part of this plan masks must be worn by all staff at the school, except for teachers when they are teaching face-to-face. Social distancing will be in place as much as possible and hand sanitiser will be available throughout the school. Everyone should use this as often as possible and especially before eating.

All students in Years 3 and up are recommended to wear masks and we are encouraging this as much as possible inside classrooms. In addition, air ventilators have been installed in classrooms to help keep everyone safe.

I would ask that parents drop their children off and pick them up at the front of the school and not accompany them to their classroom. Preschool and Transition families may take their child to their classroom. Staff will be on duty to help the children make their way into the school. For the first four weeks of school, we are to limit the number of visitors we have here each day. If you need to come into school please wear a face mask, follow social distancing and use hand sanitiser. Also please use the QR code to check-in every time you come into school.

Families needing uniforms please drop into the office and pick up your Back-to-school voucher.

School attendance is so important for all of our children. The school is now open and operating in a COVID safe way, so we need all of our children back at school learning. Please contact Kerri or Nipuni in the front office if your child is going to be away, or your contact details have changed.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions all activities such as excursions have had to be cancelled for the first four weeks. Hopefully we can look forward to some greater freedoms and some exciting activities in the near future.



Philip Russell
Principal



Back to School Voucher



Anyone who has not got their uniforms for the new year please come to the front office.

For further information please contact the front office on
08 8965 1700

COVID UPDATES

For the latest information for to the Australian Government Department of Health website:

<https://www.health.gov.au/health-topics/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov>



Welcome Mr. Russell Our new principal

Please remember to let us know any changes to your contact details including phone number address and emergency contact details.



Please check in when you are in school.



PLEASE WEAR YOUR MASK



Thank You!

EON Foundation

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE EON TEAM?

EON delivers hands-on gardening, nutrition education and cooking programs at MacFarlane & Clyde Fenton

WHAT COULD YOU BE DOING?

Working in our edible garden (this will include watering, weeding, planting, harvesting, soil improvement and composting)
Up to 20 hours per week – Potential for this to increase

WHO WE ARE LOOKING FOR?

You know about or want to learn about gardening
You are reliable and committed to monitoring the garden
You will need a Working With Children Check

INTERESTED?

Call Lucie on 0427 064 921 to chat or send an email to lucie.burnod@eon.org.au.

COVID-19 VACCINATION

COVID VACCINE FOR CHILDREN AGED 5-11

MONDAY TO FRIDAY
9AM to 3:30PM
COVID-19 Vaccinations are now available for children aged 5 to 11 at Wurli.

Bookings can be made at the Womens and Childrens clinic on 89729118.
Walk-ins are also available.

For more information call 89729118 or 89729100.



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Dear parents and guardians

1 February 2022

Re: WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

We are thrilled to welcome all students back to MacFarlane Primary School.

A special welcome to our new students and families to the MacFarlane Primary School family in 2022.

Keeping our kids and educators safe as we manage with COVID-19 in the NT is our highest priority.

In line with the Northern Territory's return to school plan, we have preventative measures in place to keep our learning environments as safe as possible for students, families and our staff.

I want to reassure families that we will support you and your child/ren to access ongoing education in 2022. Face to face learning remains the most effective and preferred option to support your child/ren to be their best.

We acknowledge that at times, there may be nervousness to send your child/ren to school. Please take the time to speak with us, if you or your child have concerns around attending school, so we can do our best, to together keep learning an important part of a child's routine during uncertain times.

At MacFarlane we want to look after our students. We will be washing hands, asking students in years 3 to 6 to wear a mask and having windows opened.

In the first 4 weeks of Term 1, 2022 to minimise the risk to students and staff, we will not be doing any excursions and will minimise visitors in schools.

We ask that all students be picked up and dropped off at our Kiss and Go area.

Please note: Parents of preschool and Transition are asked to wear masks, use the Territory Check in App, sanitise hands on arrival and physical distance while in the school grounds as ONLY these parents are allowed to drop off their children to their classes.

If we do have a positive case at school, or if your child tests positive, or you are a close contact, you can use the chart to see what you need to do. See next page.

We understand this is not the usual start back to our school year, but it is the new normal to make sure our students are safe.

We will continue to provide you with ongoing updates.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the front office number on 89 651 700.

Yours sincerely

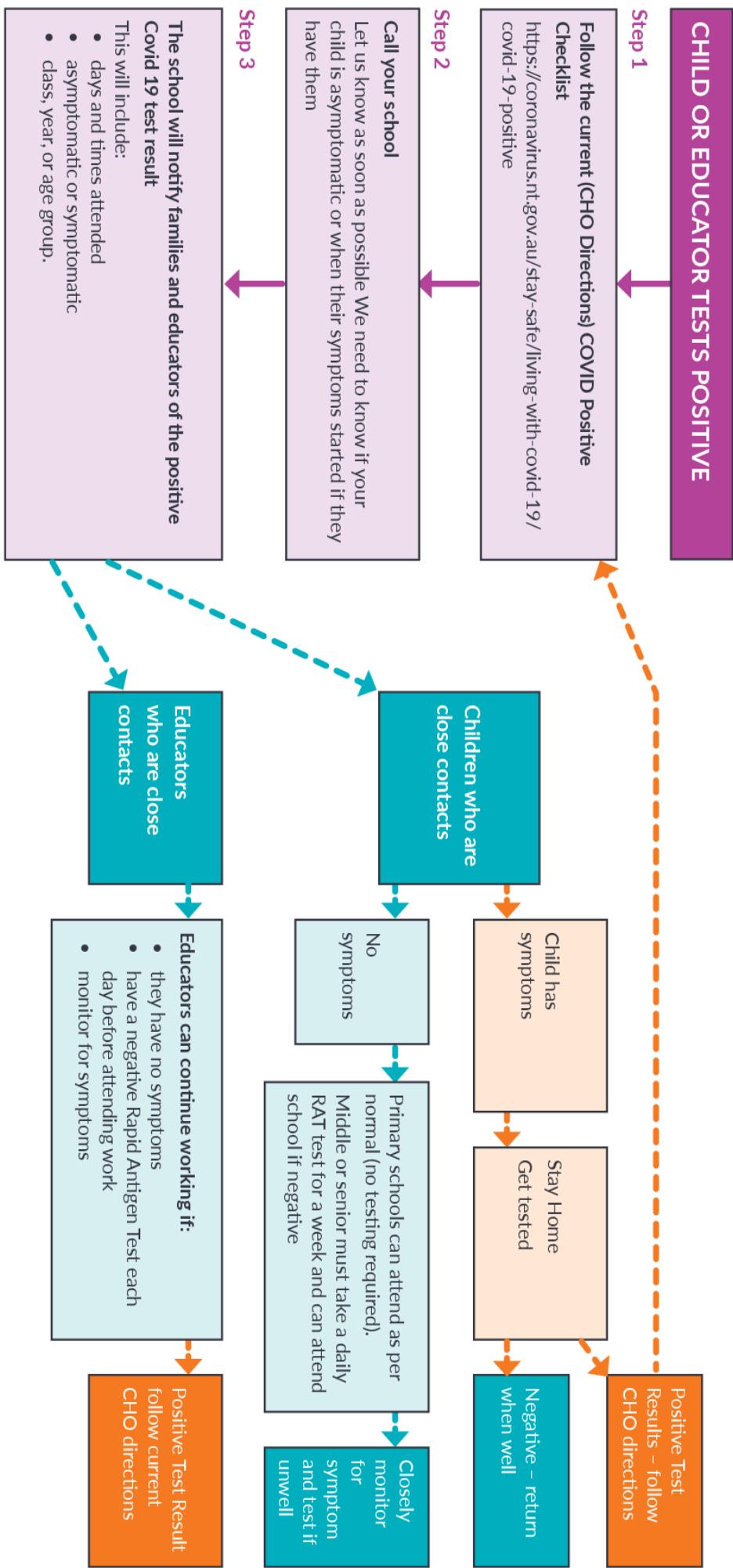
Philip Russell

Principal, MacFarlane Primary School

COVID-19 response flowchart

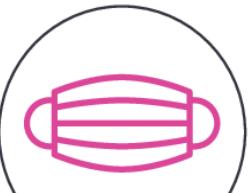
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What to do if there is a COVID-19 case in your school



Keeping you safe at school during COVID-19

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All educators are vaccinated	Students, children and staff to stay home if unwell	Schools provided cleaning grants to adhere to additional preventative measures in line with health advice	Hand sanitiser provided
			
Health and hygiene measures in place and explained to students and young children through learning	Registered teachers ready to support schools in the event of increased staff absenteeism	Students from Year 7 to Year 12 to wear masks when mandate in place. All other students highly recommended.	Educators wear masks when mandate in place, with exception of when delivering instructional teaching
			
All eligible students encouraged to get vaccinated	All visitors must check in with the Territory Check-in App	Maximise air flow in classrooms through range of solutions recommended by DIPL and Health	Planning to prioritise interactions in smaller groups or a year level
			
Learning packs (online and printed) developed and ready to use	Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) procedures based on health advice	Risk assessments in place to support extra curricular learning activities to continue	Ready to respond to COVID-19 transmission in schools

Canteen Menu

Term 1—2022

Recess and Lunch: \$8.00 Recess only: \$3.00 Lunch only: \$5.00

Breakfast: Free Ice blocks: \$1.50

Monday

	Choice A	Choice B
Recess	1/2 Toasted sandwich and fruit 	Popcorn and fruit 
Lunch	Toasted sandwich - ham and cheese and milk or water 	Sandwich – ham or chicken and milk or water 

Tuesday

	Choice A	Choice B
Recess	1/2 Toasted sandwich and fruit 	Boiled egg and fruit 
Lunch	Toasted sandwich - ham and cheese and milk or water 	Sausage, mashed potatoes, vege and gravy and milk or water 

Wednesday

	Choice A	Choice B
Recess	1/2 Toasted sandwich and fruit 	Cheese and biscuits and fruit 
Lunch	Toasted sandwich - ham and cheese and milk or water 	Chicken burger, lettuce cheese and mayo and milk or water 

Thursday

	Choice A	Choice B
Recess	1/2 Toasted sandwich and fruit 	Yoghurt and fruit 
Lunch	Toasted sandwich - ham and cheese and milk or water 	Spaghetti Bolognese and milk or water 

Friday

	Choice A	Choice B
Recess	1/2 Toasted sandwich and fruit 	Cheese and biscuits and fruit 
Lunch	Toasted sandwich - ham and cheese and milk or water 	Chicken strip wrap with lettuce and mayo and milk or water 

