

**GREERTON VILLAGE SCHOOL - TE KURA O
MAARAWAEWAE
WHĀNAU COMMUNICATION NEWSLETTER
MONDAY 11TH AUGUST**

MESSAGE FROM MS KIMBERLEY

Kia ora whānau

What a fantastic start to Term 3! The tamariki have settled in beautifully and are really getting stuck into their learning. It's great to see those curious minds at work!

This term, our school value focus is “We show Aroha”—and we’ve already seen so many lovely examples of kindness, care, and connection around the kura.

Book Week has been an absolute blast! From treasure hunts and read-arounds to book swaps, spelling bees, and our epic character dress-up day—there’s been no shortage of fun and excitement. These special weeks always bring a buzz to the school and remind us how joyful learning can be.

As the chilly weather settles in, just a quick reminder that KidsCan jackets, shoes, and socks are available for any students who need them. Please don’t hesitate to reach out to your child’s teacher if you’d like to request some.

On Monday 18th August our school and schools across our region will be closed for teachers to participate in professional learning. These opportunities are so valuable for staff to be involved and learn. This TEACHER ONLY DAY is one of the Government approved teacher only days for the year. School will be closed for instruction on this day. Thank you for your understanding and support.

A gentle parking reminder: please don’t park in the school car park at any time. It’s reserved for staff only, and it’s really important for everyone’s safety that children aren’t walking through that area.

School Board elections are coming up! If you’re keen to be part of shaping the future of our kura, we’d love to have you involved. Nominations are open now and close on Wednesday 13th August, with Election Day on Wednesday 17th September. All the info has been sent out via HERO, or you can contact the school office if you have any questions.

Thanks for your ongoing support—our school is lucky to have such a wonderful community behind it.

Thankyou for your ongoing support - It takes a Village,

Kimberley Henderson-Ginns



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TEAM UPDATES

We've had a great start to the term in Te Rau Aroha! Literacy Week was a highlight- especially Book Character Dress-Up Day, where we had so much fun celebrating our favourite stories. We've also welcomed lots of new students into our classrooms and enjoyed getting to know them. Another special part of our learning has been exploring the Mauao pūrākau, deepening our connection to our local maunga.

Thanks for your continued support in getting your children to school during these winter weeks!

Te Pīhinga

Kia Orana e te whānau,

Term 3 is well underway and we all really enjoyed Literacy week, with different activities organized each day. Every day we had to find "Where's Wally"? and we had a different kaiako coming into our classroom to read to us. We loved Dress up as a book character Day. Learning this term is focused on one of our school values - We show aroha. This is explored through our pūrākau (stories) and daily school life. In writing we are learning about the craft of persuasive arguments, backing up our opinions with facts. For maths we are learning about 3D shapes, angles and measurement, alongside our number learning - multiplication and division. Tauranga Boys College are coming to run some fun P.E activities for us to learn some new outdoor games.

Another bustling start of the term for Te Māhuri. We have students busy practising for Bandquest, Choir, Pasifika as Kapa Haka as well as opportunity groups like Boys Group, where they are making terrariums. We also have a great opportunity for some of our boys to hit the tools with Icons where they are building boats. For our girls, in the afternoons they have the opportunity to join in gymnastic groups. The ball for our year 6's have also started rolling with Intermediate visits, shortly you will be required to enroll your child.

Please ensure you do this in the required timeframe.

Whakatō te Kākano

Our tamariki have been busy with many kaupapa this term so far. The focus for our inquiry is Koro Mauao and Te Waka a Tākitimu. We have been learning the pūrākau of both of these special pillars of Tauranga Moana, and this will continue throughout the term. We are also preparing for Te Rā Whakangahau which will take place on Friday Week 9 of this term. We have four new items which we are learning and practicing, all which centre around our Maarawaewaetanga. Massive thanks and acknowledgements to our whānau who came along to help prepare our kakahu.

This week our tuākana also had the privilege to watch a whakaari/performance in te reo māori called Te Tangi a Te Tūi. This was an incredible experience which we will never forget!

Also for our tuākana we have big decisions to make for their next steps for next year. We were blown away with our haerenga to Te Wharekura o Mauao. Also it was an eye opening experience having Matua Jack and Mr Roach come for an informative talk about Tauranga Intermediate. We plan to have a Whānau Hui in Week 7 of this term where we look at our options and discuss these pathways more as a Whānau.



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OUR TERM THREE SCHOOL VALUE ... "WE SHOW AROHA"



Up Coming Important Dates:

- **Wednesday 13th August - School Board Nominations close**
- **Friday 15th August - Band Quest 6:00pm @ Baycourt**
- **Monday 18th August - TEACHER ONLY DAY - School Closed for instruction**
- **Wednesday 27th August - Senior School Speech Finals**
- **Friday 12th September - Rā Whakangahau QEYC 9am - 4 pm**
- **Wednesday 17th September - Board Election Day**
- **SATURDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER - CHERRY BLOSSOM MARKETS**
- **Friday 19th September - Last Day of Term**
- **Monday 6th October - Term 4 Day One**

We have decided to go ahead , and run it ourselves! BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are looking for:

- Stall holders
- Whānau to help before the event
- Whānau to help on the day
- EVERYONE TO SHARE THE WORD - WE NEED OUR COMMUNITY TO RALLY AND TO GET

FRIENDS, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY TO COME ON THE DAY. To hold this event comes at a big expense
If you can help in anyway - please contact and or send enquires to Reuban at - rginns@greerton.school.nz

- LET'S MAKE IT THE BEST EVER!

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PRESENTS**



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**SATURDAY 13TH
SEPTEMBER**

10AM - 2PM

**SCHOOL GALA
CLASSIC CAR SHOW
MARKET STALLS
BOUNCY CASTLES AND RIDES
FOOD VENDORS
LIVE MUSIC
HAMPERS AND QUICK FIRE RAFFLES**

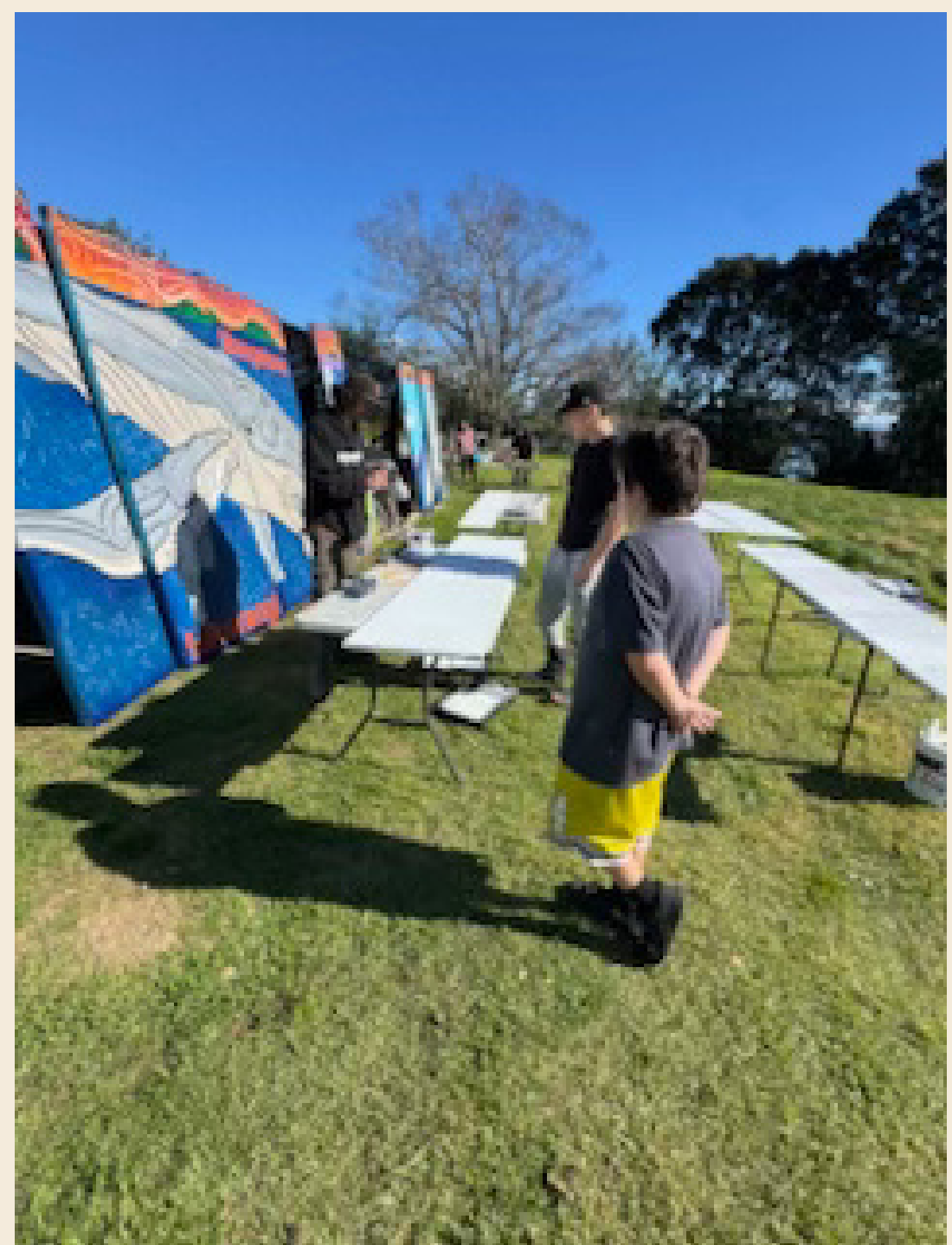
ICONZ - We are so excited to have Iconz join our kura.

Iconz are working along side some of our senior boys, teaching and learning skills from one another. An amazing initiative we are so grateful to be a part of.



Tomokanga Carving Project – Term 3 Creative Engagement

This term, 10 senior students have been selected to engage in the next phase: carving our Tomokanga (entranceway). Each Friday, these tamariki will travel to Stu's studio in Matapihi to work under the guidance of kaiako and Creative Practitioners. The project will run for the remainder of the year and is a hands-on opportunity to deepen learning in tikanga, art, and collaboration. Mid term a new group of students will be selected.



Strep throat can be dangerous if not treated, we have a public health nurse that comes into our school twice a week to test children with sore throats at school. If your child tests positive whānau are contacted and antibiotics are given. Please ask you child to inform their classroom teacher if their throat is sore, then they can get a test, alternatively you can ring the school office to request your child have a Strep Throat Test.

Key points about strep throat

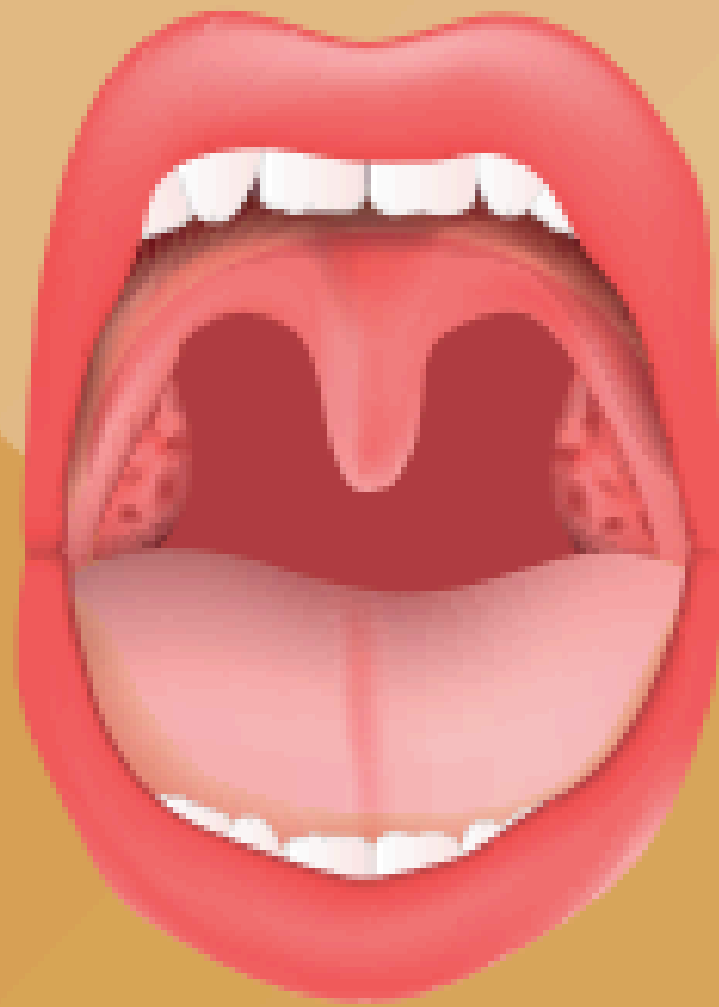
- **Strep throat is different from a sore throat that you might get with a cold caused by a virus.**
- **Without treatment, strep throat can cause rheumatic fever. Rheumatic fever can damage your, or your tamariki's heart.**
- **Strep throat is caused by a bacteria called Streptococcus pyogenes. It's spread by close contact, often by breathing in droplets from an infected person's coughs and sneezes.**
 - **It's important to get sore throats checked by your school throat swabbing team, pharmacy, GP or nurse especially if you or your tamariki are at high risk of rheumatic fever.**
- **Strep throat can be treated with antibiotics to get rid of the infection and prevent rheumatic fever.**
- **It is important to finish the full ten day course of antibiotics. If you stop the antibiotic before day 10 Strep bacteria can grow back again and make you sick (see below).**
- **If you have tamariki or rangatahi who've had 3 or more sore throats due to a Strep A infection over a 3-month period, they may be given a one-off antibiotic injection or a 10-day course of oral antibiotics under the supervision of a healthcare provider.**
- **They'll be re-swabbed after finishing the antibiotics and if they're still positive for Strep A they'll be referred to a specialist doctor to see what further treatment they need.**
- **Everyone in your whānau or household should also be swabbed and treated if their swab result is positive.**

How can I prevent strep throat spreading?

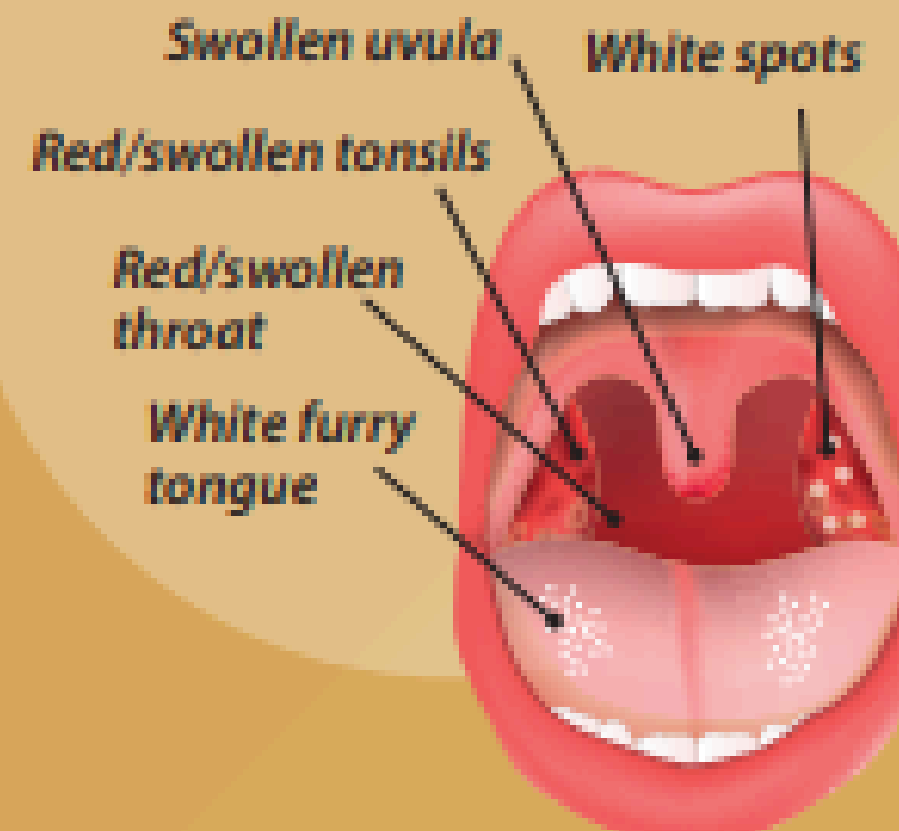
Do the following things to help stop strep infections spreading or coming back.

- **Cover your mouth and nose with your elbow or a tissue when you sneeze or cough and throw used tissues away.**
- **Avoid close physical contact, such as kissing, when you're sick, and don't share eating or drinking utensils (eg, cups or knives and forks).**
- **Wash your hands well with soap and water before eating or preparing food.**
- **Try to have space between your children when they sleep to reduce the chance of germs being spread through coughs and sneezes.**
 - **Keep your home warm and dry. Find out about the Healthy Homes Initiative([external link](#)) which helps eligible families to make their homes warmer, drier and healthier.**
- **Get all sore throats checked and treated by your school sore throat check programme.**
- **Some pharmacies also do free sore throat checks. See here: [Rheumatic Fever Sore Throat Service :: BOPCPG](#)**
- **Get skin infections treated too as this limits the spread of strep A bacteria.**

**A healthy
mouth and throat**



**Signs of a
throat infection**



Strep throat fixed

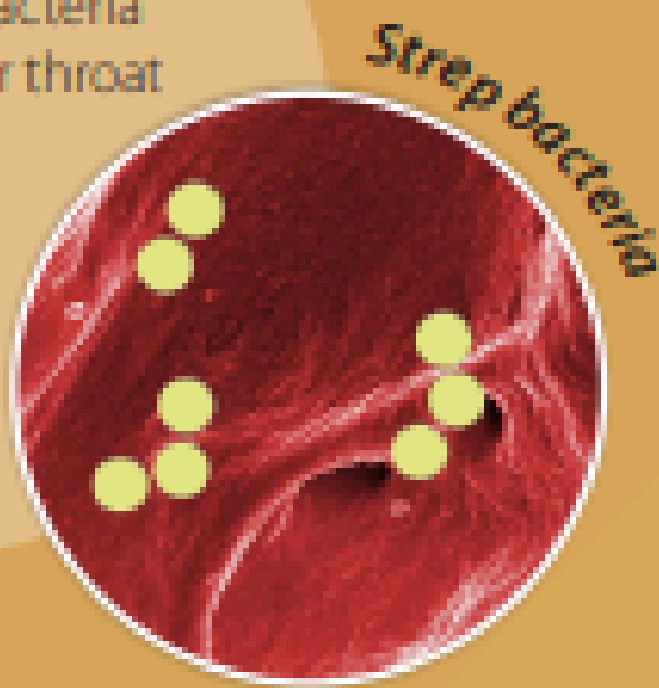
By Day 10 the antibiotic has killed all the Strep bacteria



**Day
10**

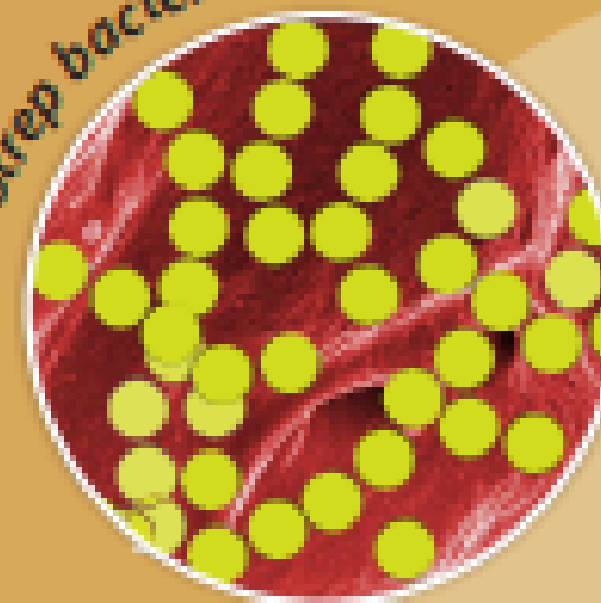
No symptoms

A few Strep bacteria are still in your throat

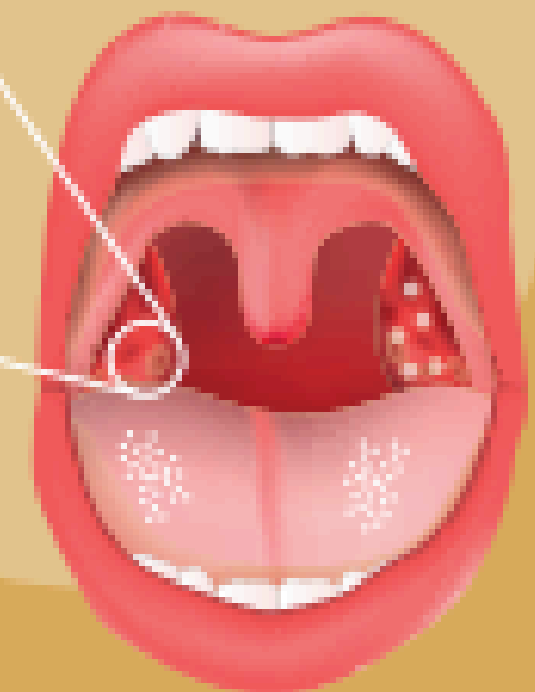


**Days
6-9**

Strep bacteria



**Swab for
Strep throat**

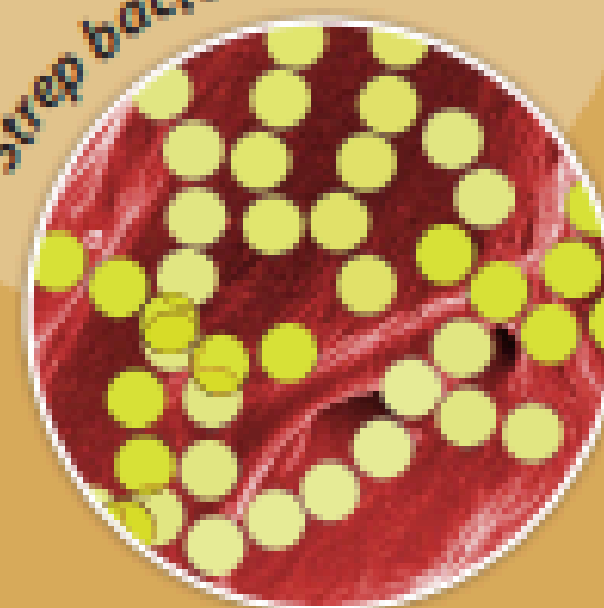


**Start antibiotics
for Strep throat**

Antibiotics start killing the Strep bacteria

**Day
1**

Strep bacteria

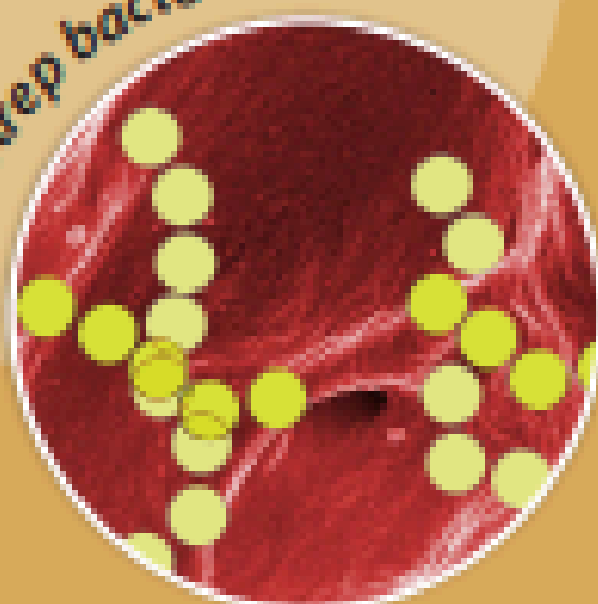


Feeling better

Antibiotic kills more Strep bacteria and you feel better BUT some of the bacteria are still there

**Days
2-5**

Strep bacteria



**Days
6-10**

Strep throat

If you stop the antibiotic before day 10 the Strep bacteria might grow again and you will get sick



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St James

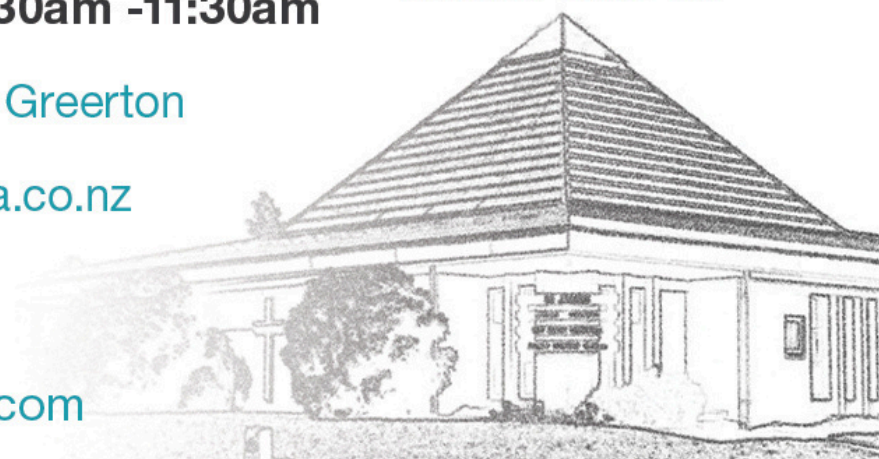
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