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Dear Parents/Caregivers

**Re: IMMUNISATION FOR YEAR 7 & 8 STUDENTS**

The Public Health Nursing team will be coming to your child's school this year to offer the Year 7 and Year 8 School Based Immunisations as detailed below:

What is the name of the immunisation?	What diseases does the immunisation offer protection against?	Who will the immunisation be given to?	How many injections does a child receive?
Boostrix	Diphtheria Tetanus Pertussis (Whooping cough)	Year 7 Boys and Girls	1
Gardasil	Human Papillomavirus (HPV)	Year 8 Boys and Girls	2 (Spread over 6 months)

**We will be providing the appropriate education session at your child's school on March 11<sup>th</sup> at 2.20 pm**

The education sessions involve showing a short DVD on each of the Immunisations, an explanation of what happens on immunisation day, and a time for questions and answers for the students. **We invite you to come along and welcome your questions.**

Your child will be given a consent form with additional information to take home for you to read and complete and return to school. **PLEASE WE NEED A CONSENT FORM BACK TO SCHOOL FOR EACH CHILD.**

We have asked your child's school to provide us with the following information in an electronic format:

*Surname	*First name
*Middle names	*Date of birth
*Gender	*Room number of child
*Year	*Home address
*Suburb	*Town/City
*Country	*Phone number (day/evening)

This information assists with our planning for the education sessions to ensure that all eligible students receive the appropriate information and consent form to take home.

This information is held on the Nelson Marlborough District Health Board School Based Vaccination System, with appropriate privacy data and operational security conditions in place. If you wish to receive more information about these Immunisations at school please contact myself or your General Practice.

Further information can also be accessed from:

[www.health.govt.nz](http://www.health.govt.nz)

[www.immune.org.nz](http://www.immune.org.nz)

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YOU DO NOT NEED TO REPLY TO THIS LETTER

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