

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Kia Ora Koutou

We are now all in Alert Level 4 and this means that our school will not be open for the rest of the week. This follows someone being identified with COVID-19 and who has been in the Auckland and Coromandel communities while believed to be infectious.

It is really important we do everything we can to keep our community safe. Alert Level 4 means we need to stay home in our bubbles and avoid any travelling as much as possible. Supermarkets, pharmacies, foodbanks and other essential services will be open – but remember to wear a face covering if you are out and about (even a scarf wrapped around your mouth and nose will help). Check in using the NZ COVID Tracer App wherever you go and please also keep a distance from people you don't know and wash your hands well and often, especially before and after using any public facilities.

Why are we engaging in Home Learning?

- On Tuesday 17 August all schools across NZ were ordered into Lockdown and closed by the Government due to our country being in Level 4 of the COVID Response system
- All Schools have been encouraged to start educating and connecting with our students and whanau
- HOME LEARNING PACKS are not available at this time due to LEVEL 4 restrictions

What does Home Learning at St Joseph's School look like with a device and internet?

- See the Suggested Home Learning timetable on our school website www.saintjosephs.school.nz under the learning from home tab.
- The Timetable has a range of activities that students can complete at home starting from 10am finishing at 3pm (It will be up to whanau)
- Year 1/2/3 students where possible can use an ipad (or similar device) and complete 2 activities planned by the teacher and two other activities as independent activities and these can be found on our school website under the 'learning from home' tab.
- Year 4/5/6 students will use where possible a chromebook (or similar device) to complete activities created by their teacher and then two other activities from the 'learning from home' tab on our website
- All teachers will be available to engage with parents to answer any questions or queries they may have through email or Classdojo

Expectations of St Joseph's Teachers in relation to Home Learning?

- Teachers will provide Activities on Clasdojo with Learning activities and support with educational programmes to continue to support your child/rens learning from Thursday 19 August
- Teachers will create opportunities to communicate with students digitally through Clasdojo, or email
- Teachers will engage with whanau to answer any questions or queries or provide ideas of how parents can support learning at home

How can Whanau contribute towards Home learning for their tamariki?

- Whanau can provide the support and space needed for their child to carry out Home Learning activities
- Parents to continue to provide support by supplying food and physical activity to ensure our tamariki are ready to learn
- Whanau, please engage with your child's teacher on a regular basis to ensure that home learning is taking place and that you have the support that you require to support your tamariki.
- Please engage in emailing or messaging on Clasdojo

I hope this explains how we intend to continue to support your child and their educational journey.

Please join our **Saint Joseph's Catholic School** facebook page, this is another platform to keep up to date.

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If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact your child/rens teacher directly.

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