

St Joseph's Catholic School

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Week 1 Term 2

16 April 2020

Newsletter # 06

Principal's Message

Tena Koutou Katoa Talofa Lava Kamusta Malo e lelei Mauri Hello Everyone

Welcome back to the first week of our new Term 2!

Who could have imagined the COVID-19 situation we find ourselves in?

Our teachers and teams have been amazing working with such dedication to ensuring St Joseph's still provides the best teaching/learning environment we can through distance learning. Already many children and parents have been in contact with teachers, and students are engaging in their learning programme. Obviously this won't be a usual school day, times of access may differ, but now that the Easter holidays have ended, some engagement throughout the day is now required. Please support your child to check in with their learning each day or for our younger children, create some learning routine in your day. You should contact your child's teacher if you are unsure about anything or need support in any way. We are here to help.

Again, I want to emphasise that learning comes in many forms and baking with mum can include a lot of maths/science understanding and your daily neighbourhood walks might also include an appreciation of our environment. The Ministry of Education has also provided many other learning platforms that students can access.

Next week we expect to hear that we will move to COVID-19 Level 3 and schools will be open for some students from Wednesday 29th April. This will be confirmed after the 20th. At this level, many students will still not be physically returning to school but continuing to work online/from a distance. Obviously, physical distancing is not easy for some of our younger children. We will let you know what this looks like for us when we have a better understanding.

It was pleasing to see the activities and celebrations being around our Easter Triduum: the three major events our Catholic faith is grounded on. Now in these days of Resurrection, when Jesus stayed with his apostles preparing them for their mission and the coming of the Holy Spirit, it is timely that we too are living in a time of preparation, our "waiting room" (as Jacinda Ardern says) to come back into our society having beaten COVID-19. This is a special time where being together as a family has been so valued and an appreciation of the Earth has been highlighted. Things will never be quite the same as before, but let's hope with a positive spirit they are better for every one of us.

Wishing you all wellness in your "bubble".
Stay well and God bless

Ursula Hall
Principal



"Let the mustard seed be hidden for a little time, continue to water it with prayer before God, and soon you will see it yield fruit a hundredfold."

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Key Dates

[2020 Teacher Only Days:](#)

Friday 29 May

Friday 14th August

Friday 23 October

Please note these dates are subject to change For further dates see calendars on the Skool Loop app or at: www.stjosephs.co.nz

Adjusted Term Dates

Term 2

Wednesday 15 April 2020

- Friday 3 July 2020

Term 3

Monday 20 July 2020

-Friday 25 September 2020

Term 4

Monday 12 October 2020

-Thursday 17

December 2020

Special Catholic Character

1 Corinthians 10:13

And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

This is the scripture for our concept this term. As we are in such unexpected times some of us are having to face trials that we never even considered possible just a few weeks ago. It is at this time that we can look to and expect to see our Lord and his work in our lives. We have the faith and hope to look beyond where we are now to the promises that Jesus made to us.

It was such a delight to see our students online and laugh with them this week and to see some pictures from our St Joseph's whanau and teacher's prayer spaces in their homes on the PTA Facebook page. I thought I would put a few up so that you could see them and maybe think about making a prayer space on your own as a family.



Remember if nothing else pray with your children or let them lead you in prayer. The prayer my own family are praying at the moment is the gratitude prayer... Mine is below.

You have to think of three things you are grateful for. "Dear God, thank you for my beautiful family and the way I have been able to spend time watching them, thank you for my friends who have checked in on me and asked how I am, finally God thank you for my faith in you." It can be as simple as a few words or you can make it bigger but it gives us all the chance to realise that even in a time of unexpected events we can still be expectant of God's grace.

God bless you all and see you really soon.

Anna Francis DRS

School Notices

Key Dates: Please note that until we are advised of revised Alert level conditions we are unable to confirm key dates that were on the Calendar prior to Lockdown.

Here is a link to some Covid information for our Kiribati community.

<https://www.mpp.govt.nz/pacific-people-in-nz/covid-19/covid-19-kiribati-translation/>

Te Ropu Arahi parents, your information email about what online learning will look like next week goes out tomorrow. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me on kerrie@stjosephs.co.nz

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