



Kiaora, Malo e lelei, Talofa lava, Bula, Mabuhay, Annyeong, Ni hao, Greetings to you all.

We are now a week into Level 3, and things probably will not have changed much for most of you.

The preparation to have some staff and students at school has taken a significant amount of planning and organisation.

Our team and BOT have been amazing at ensuring everything is ready and safe for our 'SJS BUBBLE'.

I am thankful to the staff who have volunteered to be back at school in Level 3. This has allowed families with no other options to send their children to school; and has allowed our staff who have family commitments, or are at risk, to continue to support learning from home. We are all very grateful.

School in Level 3 (SJS Bubble School) is different to what it was like before COVID-19. There are a significant number of restrictions and rules for these children and staff.

## CONNECT WITH US

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Download the app  
**SCHOOLAPPSNZ**

Then enter St Joseph's  
School Onehunga

## Learning

Learning at home provides different opportunities than learning at school does.

Our staff are delivering about two hours of learning per day for your child. The focus for this is reading, writing, maths and religious education. We know that many of our children and families are using this time as an opportunity to extend 'learning' beyond this. (see the attached visual for ideas)

Learning new skills at home such as cooking, gardening, arts & crafts, outdoor activities are all very valuable learning.

We are seeing our students and families being innovative and creative in their learning. For some of our students they are able to manage themselves and stick to a routine, for other this is a challenge. We have tools on our webpage to support self management.

## WELLBEING

Wellbeing is very important at this time. We know that for some families day to day life at the moment is really busy and really complicated. Be kind to yourself and your bubble. A happy functioning bubble is a priority.

If you are worried about your child struggling or not being engaged with the learning please make contact with your child's teacher.

Please feel free to email me at [cmassey@sjs.school.nz](mailto:cmassey@sjs.school.nz)

## HOMELEARNING PACKS

Our teachers put together homelearning packs prior to Level 4; additionally, we asked that every one of our students be provided with a learning pack from the Ministry of Education.

Additional stationery packs have been sent to those that requested it from Melanie Duarte.

If you would like an additional learning pack for your child please contact [admin@sjs.school.nz](mailto:admin@sjs.school.nz) and we will send this out.

# 16 Everyday Activities That Count as Learning

1. Cooking & Baking



2. Meal Planning

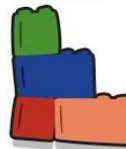


3. Budgeting



4. Checking the Weather Forecast

5. Building with LEGO



6. Playing Card Games

7. Playing Board Games



8. Doing Puzzles

9. Imaginative Play



10. Listening to Music



11. Reading



12. Coloring, Drawing, Painting

13. Listening to Podcasts or Audiobooks



14. Writing Letters or Emails



15. Taking a Walk



16. Cleaning & Doing Chores



Mass is God's precious gift to us, and how blessed we are that during this Lockdown to be provided online Mass by the Auckland Diocese. Celebrate daily mass by logging into Youtube and following "Auckland Catholic Religious Education"

I have found that attending online church during this lockdown period helps me to feel a sense of routine and normalcy. With a coffee in my hand and a candle lit I link into youtube for Mass. These words from James Stenson are good to reflect on when we contemplate WHY attend online Mass.

"Bring an attitude of prayer and thanksgiving to Mass, and you will reap great spiritual riches: consolation, confidence, peace, deep happiness, and spiritual strength for the challenges of life"

SCAN THE QR CODE for

Auckland Catholic  
Religious Education  
Youtube Channel



## SUPPORT

This is a challenging time for many families – high stress levels, children at home, cut off from family and friends.

If you or anyone you know wants some advice or support over this time here are some options that might be useful.

Support services that remain open:

Womens Refuge 0800REFUGE  
Shine 0508 744 633

Alcohol and Drug Helpline 0800 787 797  
Oranga Tamariki call centre 0508FAMILY  
CADS 09 845 1818

Narcotics Anonymous 0800 628 632  
Alcoholics Anonymous 0800 229 6757  
Lifeline 0800 543 354 or free text 4357  
Youthline 0800 376 633

Samaritans 0800 726 666  
Outline (LGBT) 0800 688 5463  
Depression Helpline 0800 111 757  
Suicide Prevention Helpline 0508 828 865

Work and Income services centres are closed, however you can apply for assistance via MyMSD or phone the contact centre on 0800 559 009.

If you need some assistance with food these food banks may be able to help out, ring first for instructions of how they are operating to ensure physical distancing:  
Auckland City Mission, City 09 303 9200  
Salvation Army Royal Oak 09 639 1103  
Vinnies Auckland, Newton 09 815 6122 or 0800 6800  
Hope Centre, New Lynn 02108048436  
Vision West, Glen Eden (Mon, Wed, Fri only) 09 818 0716

## Keeping Safe online While Learning at Home

While children are learning from home, they are away from the online safety and security services provided by Network for Learning (N4L) at school, so N4L and Netsafe together with the Ministry of Education, have launched a FREE N4L safety filter for all students.



Parents can set this up on devices. Just go to [switchonsafety.co.nz](https://switchonsafety.co.nz) and find clear instructions on how to do this. The free N4L safety filter (by global cyber-security leader, Akamai) clocks websites containing known cyber threats like phishing scams, malicious content and viruses, while also protecting children for content deemed the worst of the web (like adult sites)

For more information go to [STAYING SAFE ONLINE](https://www.staying-safe.org.nz).

