ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL ONEHUNGA

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DISTANCE LEARNING - 18 AUGUST 2021

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

We are now all in Alert Level 4 which means that our school will not be open onsite from 18 August, for any students. 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.

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Download the app SCHOOLAPPSNZ

Then enter St Joseph's School Onehunga

Online Learning @ ALERT LEVEL 4

Online learning for the week is available through our school website. It is explained in this video.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_r835xeLAVA

As you will have experienced previously, learning at home provides different opportunities than learning at school does.
Learning new skills at home such as cooking, gardening, arts & crafts, outdoor activities are all very valuable learning. (see the attached visual for ideas)
Over our previous 4 lockdowns we have seen our students and families being innovative and creative in their learning. For some of our students they were able to manage themselves and stick to a routine, for other this was 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.

HOMELEARNING PACKS

Homelearning packs were issued during our previous lockdown in February this year. Due to the speed of this lockdown we have been unable to issue learning packs, we are working on a solution.

CHROMEBOOKS

Again - due to the speed of this lockdown and the nature of this strand of COVID we are not yet able to issue any chromebooks - we will keep you informed when and if we are able to.

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.

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Parents can set this up on devices. Just go to 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.