



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

Last week the Government announced that plans are underway to support the return to onsite learning for our schools who are in Alert Level 3 areas and to do this in a way that is as safe as possible.

The restrictions of Alert Level 3 and 4 have been a real challenge to the wellbeing of our tamariki and whānau and we have heard from many of you that your tamariki are keen to see their friends and teachers in real life.

You can be reassured that any decisions about bringing more children and staff on-site will be done in accordance with strict public health guidance – so what on-site learning will look like will be different than Alert Level 2 or Alert Level 1 settings. For example, this might mean attending school two days a week and learning from home for the other three.

The earliest a return to school will happen is 15 November, and we will provide more information about this closer to the time.

In the meantime, vaccination and testing remains the best thing we can do to keep whānau and our community as safe as possible. COVID-19 is finding those who are unvaccinated in this outbreak.

For this current outbreak (as at 25 October), 224 people have been hospitalised with only 6 (<3%) of these people fully vaccinated. Of the 2,681 cases in the outbreak, 1,984 (74%) had not received one dose of the vaccine (541 were not eligible for vaccination as they were under 12).

We need to look after our most vulnerable people, and it is great to see our community vaccination rates continue to go up. There are also now three million New Zealanders fully vaccinated – which is fantastic news!

Please do encourage your friends and whānau who might be worried about the vaccine to seek good information from health practitioners, so they can make a well-informed decision.

Ngā mihi
Carolyn Massey
Principal

ALL SOULS DAY MASS

Our Lady of the Assumption Parish will live stream Mass at 10am on Tuesday 2nd November.

You can access this live Mass on FaceBook. Search Our Lady of the Assumption

<https://www.facebook.com/OLOTAPARISH>



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

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CONNECTED WEDNESDAYS

We are changing how we connect with you on Wednesdays during the remainder of Lockdown.

- Our focus will be on connecting with families through;
- Distance learning parent sessions
 - Phone call check ins
 - Emails
 - Text check ins
 - One on one online meeting

Our first DISTANCE LEARNING PARENT SESSION for Wednesday 3 November will be run by Mangere whanau teachers and is focused on support parents of students in Room 1, 2, 3 and 4 in READING.

The online sessions will be run at 11am and then repeated at 4pm. A link to the meeting will be sent out via email and [SEECAW](#)



DISTANCE LEARNING PARENT SESSION

How to support your child in Reading for parents of students in Rms 1, 2, 3 and 4

Online meeting Wednesday 3 November @ 11am and repeated at 4pm

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 

WE ARE TEACHERS

CHROMEBOOKS



If you would like to borrow a Chromebook from school please email admin@sjs.school.nz

First priority is given to students Room 6 and above. If your child is younger and you want a chromebook you will need the IT skills to support them.

LEARNING PACKS

New learning packs from the Ministry of Education arrived at school on Thursday.

Over 100 were couriered to students on Friday with the rest being couriered today.

