

Newsletter - 1 November 2021

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.

Search Our Lady of the Assumption

You can access this live Mass on FaceBook.



#### 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

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

Support services that remain open:

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

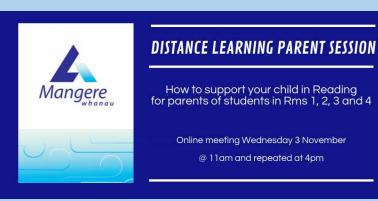
We are changing how we connect with you on Wednesdays during the reminder of Lockdown.

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 CEEC MM



# 16 Everyday Activities That Count as Learning





5. Building

with LEGO



Planning



the Weather Forecast





Card Games



Puzzles











12. Coloring, Drawing, Painting

13. Listening to Podcasts or Audiobooks









16. Cleaning E Doing Chores

## 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.

