

St Joseph's Catholic School

Te Kura Katorika o Hato Hohepa

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Dear Parent and Caregivers,

As Lockdown is looming, we are still at school making last-minute plans in order for our children to be supported in their learning at home. Remember, the school holidays have been moved forward and begin this coming Monday 30 April, so you can have a bit of a break (if you can/want) from set tasks.

Yesterday, with the help of Kickstart Breakfast and Pizza Box, we were able to send out 17 food parcels to some of our families. Today, we have been able to distribute school-owned devices to others. All of our staff have been incredible, following Euphrasie's mission spirit, and thinking of different scenarios that will help the children at home.

This Friday, your child's Term 1 Progress Report will be emailed to the email address you have provided the school. If you have not received this report by Monday, please contact your child's Kaitiaki teacher to get this sent out to you. I am sorry I have not been able to read them this round but Team Leaders have. Once school has reopened, we can send home a signed hard copy of your child's report if you require it. Please note, there will be no interviews for Term 1, but if you have any concerns around your child's progress, your child's Kaitiaki teacher will be happy to discuss your child's report with you. Feel free to contact them via email.

Some recommendations of sites for students

[School Kit at Home \(For parents & kids\)](#): a free FaceBook group with fun activities to do at home. [virtual tours of museums](#) and other places. We will continue to share with you any other free online resources for ideas to use with your children over the coming weeks.

Another idea is for children to keep a journal every couple of days about how they are feeling and what they are doing. Over the four weeks their comments will change. It will be a good outlet for mood and an interesting read in years to come. This is a historical event. Some older children might like to read "Anne Frank's Diary" - especially when they are feeling hard-done-by,,,

The best thing you can do is just get your kids to read, by themselves, to their younger siblings, teddy or pet, or with you. You are the best role model of reading for your children. If they see you enjoying reading, they will want to read as well. There is an old saying, "Children who can read, succeed!" and it's true.

Finally, take care of yourselves. Being at home will not be easy. We will continue to keep you updated on any new updates through our school website and the Skool Loop app.

We wish you all many blessings as we face uncertainty over the next four weeks.

Stay well and God bless

Ursula Hall
Principal

"Excellent Education befitting our Catholic Character"

Please Read - Important Information with your child working from home

Family Zone - FREE Family Zone Accounts available

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As part of our ongoing commitment to excellence and our duty to ensure students' safety and well-being, even while our students are working from home, we're proud to announce that we will be introducing cyber safety programs and technologies in partnership with Family Zone.

Family Zone is New Zealand's leading provider of cyber safety technology. Family Zone helps us to ensure our students are safe and on task during school time and offers parents a range of options for monitoring and supporting their children's online journey.

An Holistic Cyber Safety Program

We are committed to creating a cyber safe environment for our school and are taking an holistic and long term view. Our program include these key initiatives:

Cyber Safety Hub: The [Hub](#) is an incredible online resource which has been developed to keep our community across the School's cyber safety program and the latest cyber safety topics and issues. It also includes information on Family Zone and how it can benefit your family.

Monitoring and Filtering: To ensure student use of technology is compliant, we will be installing Family Zone technology on the school network and into the school-issued Google account.

Free Parental Monitoring Tools: To support parents we will be providing you with a free monitoring tool called [Family Zone Insights](#). You can use this account with your child's school and personal devices.

Important to Note:

Installation of Family Zone application (app)

We've recently installed Family Zone's filtering technology on our network and into our school-issued Google accounts. The application ensures school policy is applied whenever students are using their school-issued Google account whether your child is connected to the school's network or not (such as though your home network or mobile hotspotting).

Invitations to create FREE Family Zone Accounts

Go to our school's [Cyber Safety Hub](#) and click the **Sign Up** button to register a free monitoring account called **Family Zone Insights**. With this account you can:

- Optionally install Family Zone onto your children's personal devices.
- Monitoring your child's internet use outside of school hours;
- Disable school policy for your child's school holidays or sick days; and



What happens if I already have a Family Zone account?

If this is the case you don't need to sign up again. Just sign-in to your [Family Zone account](#) and check you have added our school to your child's profile. If you can't remember your password, click on the forgot password link and follow the [reset password process](#).

Thank you for supporting your school and our students in this important cyber safety initiative. And remember:

- **If you are new to Family Zone:** Go to our [Cyber Safety Hub](#) to sign up for your free [Family Zone Insights](#) account.
- **If you're already using Family Zone:** There is nothing you need to do, however we encourage you to sign-in to your [Family Zone account](#) and review your settings.
- **If you need help:** We encourage you to visit the [Cyber Safety Hub](#) or contact Family Zone Support

Our Commitment to Privacy

Please be assured that the school and Family Zone take your privacy and security seriously. For more information - [Privacy and Customer Detail & Security Policy](#).

We are committed to ensuring our students get the very best education and leave our school prepared for the digital world we now live in . Our school is choosing to step-up to the challenge and we do so in full confidence that we'll receive the support of our fantastic school community.

God bless and stay safe,

Lori Mravicich
Deputy Principal