

St Joseph's Catholic School

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Kia ora koutou school whanau and community

By now will have heard the Prime Minister has announced that *“New Zealand will move to Alert Level 3 at 11.59pm on Monday 27 April.”*

“Schools and early learning centres can be accessed this week for cleaning, maintenance and any other preparations. The current plan is for schools to be able to re-open for a Teacher Only Day on Tuesday the 28th of April as part of their preparation, and we expect those who need to attend, to be able to from Wednesday the 29th of April. It may take a bit longer for some schools and early learning centres to be ready.”

“So here’s a reminder of the principles for Level 3 when we get there.

1. **Stay home.** *If you are not at work, school, exercising or getting essentials, then you must be at home, the same as at Level 4.*
2. **Work and learn from home if you can.** *We still want the vast majority of people working from home, and children and young people learning from home. At-risk students and staff should also stay at home, and they will be supported to do so. Early learning centres and schools will physically be open for up to Year 10 for families that need them.”*

In reference to the above message that was sent in preparation for St Joseph's to reopen, the Board of Trustees wishes to pass on some acknowledgements.

Firstly we wish to pass on our thanks to Mrs Hall for her unwavering leadership during this unprecedented time which has allowed our teachers to provide the opportunity for a somewhat smooth transition to online learning at home. Our teachers are going above and beyond to deliver a distance learning programme for your children. In following that, the Board also wishes to pass on their thanks to the parents and whanau who have supported their children in their learning at home and hope this can continue in the weeks ahead during Level 3

St Joseph's School has always had a strong grasp of collaborative practice and our focus on modern learning environments has served us well in the settling into these new waters that we now have been charting.

Please take care in the weeks ahead. Be kind to each other and yourselves.

Stay home, stay well.

God Bless

Aaron de Farias
Board of Trustees chairperson