

St Joseph's Catholic School

"Excellent Education befitting our Catholic Character"



94 Seddon St, Pukekohe 2120

Term 2 Week 5

14 May 2020

Newsletter # 08

Principal's Message

Tena Koutou Katoa Talofa Lava Kamusta Malo e lelei Mauri Hello Everyone

As you know, the Prime Minister advised that in Alert Level 2 schools are safe environments for children, young people and staff and therefore St Joseph's School will reopen for everyone this Monday 18th May.

We will continue to promote health control measures to limit the possibility for Covid-19 to come into our school. Physical distancing is a good precaution to prevent the spread of disease. Our school has safe and sensible practices to maintain the health and safety of everyone on the school site. As described by Dr Payinda in his [NZ Herald article](#), "Covid's not measles or chickenpox, it doesn't hang in the air for hours waiting to infect passers-by. It travels on invisible drops of spit. You don't have to cross the street to avoid anyone. Just avoid getting in their 'moist breath' zone.

We understand many children will be anxious about returning to school and we will endeavour to make the transition back to school a comfortable one for everyone.

What does this look like for us at St Joseph's:

- At school, we will be encouraging physical distancing of 1m in the playground and in the classroom as practicable.
- Water fountains will be closed - children are to bring their own named water bottle which they will be able to refill at school throughout the day.
- Changing sheds will remain closed for Level 2 and children will not be able to change for PE.
- Uniforms - we understand many of you have not been able to purchase winter uniforms for your children so in the meantime, children may wear dark (black, navy, or green) track pants, shorts or leggings (please no bright print patterns) with their school shirt (either blouse, grey shirt or PE top) and a school jumper. Dark coloured, plain comfortable shoes are an option until the proper winter shoes can be purchased.
- If children arrive late to school, they are to go directly to their classrooms - they are not to come into the office area for pink slips.
- Parents who need to pick up a child early or for an appointment, need to notify the office that you are coming, and we will bring the child out to you.
- We discourage parents from entering the school grounds. If you do so, we need you to sign our tracking and tracing log kept at the front door. **No parents/visitors are to enter the school buildings.**
- There will be no full school assemblies for the remainder of the term.

Arrival on Monday 18th May

Our biggest concern will be congestion at the school gates. Therefore, the gates will be opened at 8:15 am and children can enter the school through either the main gates, the entrance by the Junior area of

*Pray for the Beatification
of
Euphrasie Barbier*



*Loving God, the
power of the Holy
Spirit led
Euphrasie Barbier
to found a
Congregation of
Sisters consecrated
for Mission.
Grant that through
the witness of our
life today your
work in her may be
more widely known
and your name
glorified. We ask
this through Christ
Our Lord.
Amen.*



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the school off Seddon Street (this has normally been locked in the past), and the small gate off Dublin Street. A teacher will be at each gate to record any adults that enter the school grounds (contact	
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tracing). **Our preference is that parents do not come onto the school grounds** but if they feel that they want to walk their child to their classroom on the first day, they must not enter any classrooms or walk on to any decks. Children are to go directly to their classrooms when they arrive and not play on the playgrounds, courts or fields before school. Teachers will be at the classrooms to receive the children each morning when they arrive.

At the end of the day, we again would like to limit the number of parents coming on to the school grounds. Therefore, teachers will walk children to the gates and they will be passed on to you. Parents waiting outside the gates are asked to keep their distance.

Under Alert Level 2, we advise any students and staff to stay at home if they are sick, and we will send anyone home immediately if they show any symptoms.

Once our teachers are back as school, our priority will now be school-based learning, so we will not be able to offer the same online learning programme that we had during Level 3 and 4. If you are keeping your child home during Level 2, please contact your child's kaitiaki/teacher to discuss their learning while they are at home.

We would like to thank you for your ongoing support for the work we are doing during these unprecedented times. If you have any concerns please contact us. Please keep in your prayers families that are struggling at the moment; particularly within our own school community.

Stay well and God bless

Ursula Hall
Principal

Key Dates	Special Catholic Character
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Please note these dates are subject to change For further dates see calendars on the Skool Loop app or at: www.stjosephs.co.nz

Adjusted Term Dates

Term 2

Wednesday 15th April -
Friday 3 July

Queen's Birthday
Monday 1 June

Term 3

Monday 20 July - Friday 25
September

Term 4

Monday 12 October -
Thursday 17 December

2020 Teacher Only Days:

Friday 29 May

Friday 14th August

Friday 23 October

CATHOLIC MINDFULNESS

Philippians 4:6-7 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

As a response to our current situation I have found a new prayer programme for our students which is called Catholic Mindfulness. It is very similar to our Christian meditation however, it is focused on how we can become more aware of the "Peace of God which transcends all understanding". Catholic mindfulness is a way in which our students have a safe environment to share their feelings and emotions and they learn to self-regulate and become peaceful even during stressful times.

It also allows them to focus their attention on God's creation and enjoy the peaceful curiosity they were born with. A very simple explanation is that when a child looks at a flower they use all their senses and focus their whole being on their wondering about that flower. However, as life can get stressful or just hectic they don't have as much time to develop that same peaceful curiosity and that is where Catholic Mindfulness comes in. Students are allowed to be and to wonder and to become aware of God's peace within themselves and at the sacramentality of all God's creation. In doing this they come closer to God and their personal relationship with God becomes deeper. Please ask you child about their mindfulness and if you have any questions please let me know.

God bless and see you soon,

Anna Francis
DRS

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School Notices

Parents and Caregivers, please note St Joseph's School will be open to all students this Monday, May 18th.

If your child will not be returning to school during Level 2 please notify the school office as soon as possible at 09 238 7745 or Stjoesoffice@stjosephs.co.nz.

**** School Buses will be back running as usual on Monday the 18th May ****

Technology at Pukekohe Intermediate for Year 7 & 8 is cancelled this term

Franklin Sports has cancelled all sporting events for the rest of this term.

*****Many thanks to EcoLibrium who generously supplied our school with additional hand sanitiser*****

School Events

SteamClub will not be running for the remainder of Term 2 and will restart again in Term 3. Parents will be contacted later in the term to enrol for Term 3.

The Pink Shirt Day Mufti Day has been cancelled for Friday, May 22nd.

Community Notices

The Uniform Shoppe retail store in Pukekohe will reopen from Thursday 14th May to their normal store hours. The Shops have been cleaned and all equipment will be sanitised after every use. Counters and high touched areas will be wiped down regularly. Contact register sheets will need to be completed for each person that enters the shop. This will be set up at the entry of the store where customers will be required to wait as they will be limited to 2 customers in the store at one time.

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