

St Joseph's Catholic School



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Preparing for Cyclone Gabrielle

Sunday 12 February 2023

To our St Joseph's School Whānau,

I know you will all be wondering about the week ahead with yet another severe weather event approaching Auckland.

As yet, St Joseph's School has not made a decision on whether to stay open or close tomorrow, Monday.

As Auckland is still in a state of emergency, Auckland Emergency Management is the lead agency and all advice/direction will come from them. The school is actively monitoring this event closely and we are in regular communication with the Ministry of Education and the Auckland Primary Principals Association.

The safety of students and staff is at the forefront of all decisions. On Friday, after school, our staff met and were updated with emergency procedures in case of such an emergency while at school. We understand our community could be affected in a number of ways: transport routes and road closures. power outages or water supply being affected, and given this weather event will involve high winds this adds another key risk factor for consideration.

A further decision on our response to this weather event will be made later today which may include a school closure. The notification will be sent to you through the normal communications channels and placed on the school website.

I know some of you are still recovering from our very wet weather two weeks ago. If you have any immediate concerns, please contact me directly: principal@stjosephs.co.nz

Stay safe and keep well,

Ursula Hall
Principal