

# St Joseph's Catholic School



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## Preparing for Cyclone Gabrielle

Sunday 12 February 2023

To our St Joseph's School Whānau,

Further to my letter earlier today, and the most recent information from Emergency Management advising the upgrading of the warning to a Red warning for Auckland, the Secretary of Education has recommended that the Boards of Auckland schools make a decision to close their schools for on-site instruction from Monday 13 February.

This means St Joseph's School will be closed for on-site instruction tomorrow, Monday 13th February, and we will reassess this on a daily basis.

As always the wellbeing of your home and whanau should always come first, however, if you could read to your child or encourage your children to read each day, that would make a significant difference to their learning.

We acknowledge that this decision may create difficulties for your home but please understand this was not a decision made lightly. The health and safety of our students and staff are the priority. Please stay home and stay safe.

Thank you for your support and understanding during this unprecedented and difficult time.

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](mailto:principal@stjosephs.co.nz)

Blessings,

Ursula Hall  
Principal