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Term 2 Week 5 Newsletter 2020

Principal's Message

Kia ora Everyone

We are so looking forward to welcoming our students back to school on Monday.

What an incredible achievement as a country... to get to Level 2 and what an incredible achievement as a school community to support the total well-being of our precious tamariki.

Thank you for the wonderful response to our survey, with over one hundred replies. You have provided us with rich information that will help us support each child's transition back to school, as well as support our forward planning.

Students- We are so proud of all you have achieved during these five weeks of learning. The way you have participated in your distance learning, google classroom activites and zoom lessons is fantastic! We have loved the stories we have heard alongside the photos you have shared, YOU ROCK!

Staff- What an amazing job you have done to provide fantastic programmes of learning. We are so proud of you all for the manner in which you have embraced the new teaching and learning opportunities for yourselves and your learners. WOW!

Whanau- We thank you for the incredible job you have done, working alongside your children, making distance learning possible for them. In the surveys completed 96% of you stated you had gained a much deeper understanding of your child's learning. We look forward to discussing ways we can continue to build on this.

We have truly embraced our school vision, which will continue to lead us into the future,

" Achieving More Than We Ever Dreamed Possible'



Prayers:

Please keep in your prayers families who have lost loved ones at this time as well as those who have family members who are unwell.



COVID-19 Alert Level 2

Catholic Character

Months ago at the start of moving into Level 3, we were urged by our Prime Minister to

'Be strong, be kind, we will be OK'

One of our greatest shared acts of kindness has been following the guidelines for Levels 3 and 4 that has ensured we are now one of the safest countries in the world to be in as we now move into Level 2.

Vaughan Rapatahana is a New Zealand writer and poet who has written this powerful poem in response to COVID-19 about the importance of kindness during this time.

Kia atawhai ki ā koutou whānau. Be kind to your families.

Kia atawhai ki ā koutou whānaunga. Be kind to your relatives.

Kia atawhai ki ā koutou hoa. Be kind to your friends.

Kia atawhai ki ā koutou kiritata. Be kind to your neighbours.

Kia atawhai ki ā koutou hoamahi. Be kind to your workmates.

Kia atawhai ki ngā uakoao. Be kind to your strangers.

Kia atawhai ki ā koutou ano. Be kind to yourselves.

Ka whakamatea te huaketo ki te atawhai. Kill the virus with kindness

Kia atawhai. Be kind.





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Welcome back to school poster guidelines

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Guidelines for Drop Off/Pick Up

BE PATIENT, BE KIND, FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS OF STAFF AT THE GATES

To assist the wellbeing and safety of everyone please note the following:

- Road Patrols will be managed by adults to begin with
- No adult is allowed entry to the school grounds unless there is an emergency, a sick child needs to be collected or a child is starting as a New Entrant over the next few weeks
- Parents must leave the school gate areas/ courts immediately after dropping and picking up students
- Where possible the same parent should drop off and pick up each day
- Teachers will not be able talk at length with parents at drop off or pick up time
- The school playgrounds are not available for use before or after school at this stage
- To discourage gatherings over 10 in our school grounds, parents drop off/pick up children from the different areas around the school and remain one metre apart from other families at all times.
- Students who walk, scooter/ cycle or bus to or from school by themselves can continue to use their usual gate

Drop off and pick up areas

Drop off - From 8:20am

Students will be met at the gate and go straight to class

• Miramar Ave Courts: Rooms 1, 2, 3 and 5 (and younger siblings)

- Para Street Room 6 (and younger siblings)
- Athens Street Rooms 7, 11, 12

Pick up - Parents remain in cars- students <u>not</u> walking home or attending SKIDS will be delivered to parents in cars

Parents travelling on foot- please maintain 1m distancing outside the gates

Happy Birthday



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO David, Anaya and Shaan. Wishing you all a very special day

Subway



Please note there will be no Subway lunches for the first 2 weeks - we will advise you when we can start ordering Subway again. Thank you for your understanding.

SKIDS

https://www.skids.co.nz/locations/holy_cross_miramar/

