



St Joseph's School

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EMPOWERING STUDENTS TO BECOME CONFIDENT, MOTIVATED LEARNERS, LIVING GOSPEL VALUES.



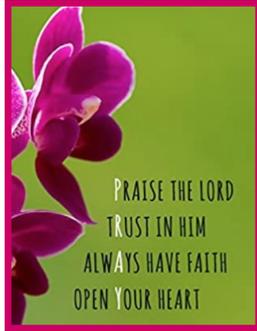
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK - Aaron Richards

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope that everyone had a happy Easter in your bubble.

Easter is a time of reflection and renewal. This year was like no other because we were unable to celebrate Easter together. So we had to adjust and change to manage the situation the best we could. As I watched mass from the TV screen I was reminded that with all that is happening around us we have that one constant with us.

While we are still contained in our bubble I encourage you all to make the most of this quality time you have as a family and pray. It can be amazing the peace and joy that can be shared through prayer.



It has been great watching all the children login to their Google account or Learning Journal over the last three days and see all comments and learning taking place. I am very aware that an online programme can not replicate the classroom so for many of our children they are dependent on the support of their parents. So I would like to express my gratitude to all the parents and caregivers who have made this online learning approach work. I would also like to thank the leaders and teachers for the hours of work they have dedicated to ensure that online learning was ready for the start of term. Delivering an online learning programme is not an easy approach to use. Instead of being able to give feedback to a group of children, teachers are busy throughout the day responding to the learning, comments and questions posted online by students.

This is unprecedented. We are living and learning in ways that are unparalleled to any time in the past. We are all learning as we go and adapting as the crisis continues. We appreciate that the current situation is affecting families in different ways, creating all kinds of stress and anxiety as we learn to cope with this strange situation. It is very important that we recognise this and try to show each other kindness and patience.

The leaders and teachers want to ensure that the online programme is effective. As a result, a link to a quick online survey will be sent out to families shortly. We will use this feedback to improve the delivery of the programme.

Troubleshooting

Over the last few days the teachers and leaders have been helping students and parents with technical issues. We strongly advise that learners use the **Chrome** internet browser to access the online learning programme.

At the moment 90% of learners have engaged with the online programme. We understand that a few families that might have a few ongoing issues. If you do have a technical issue you can email a classroom teacher or send a query to communication@stjopapa.school.nz

Free internet safety filter for parents

While children are learning from home, they are away from the online safety and security services provided by Network for Learning (N4L) at school. So together with N4L and Netsafe, we have launched www.switchonsafety.co.nz - a free way to block the worst of the web for students and teachers.

Back to School

Yesterday the Government announced guidelines relating to how the country might move down the alert levels and what an alert level 3 might look like. The Ministry of Education contacted all schools yesterday afternoon to advise us that they are currently working through the guidelines. There is a lot of detail that the Ministry needs to work through before schools will be provided a directive.

Although guidelines have been set, the Government has not made any definitive decision on when school's sites may open. It is my understanding that cabinet will meet next week to consider this issue. I will update the school community as soon as the school has received this information.

NORTH ZONE SWIMMING COMPETITION

Well done to all the students who represented our school at the North Zone Swimming Competition on Thursday 12 March with special congratulations to the following placegetters:

<i>Yr 5 Girls</i>	Olivia Vivian - 1st Freestyle, 1st Breaststroke
<i>Yr 5 Boys</i>	Joshua Thornley -3rd Freestyle, 1st Breaststroke
<i>Yr 7 Girls</i>	Claudia Vivian - 1st Freestyle
	Bridie Quayle - 1st Backstroke, 1st Breaststroke
	Niamh Quayle -2nd Backstroke, 2nd Breaststroke
<i>Yr 7 Boys</i>	George Kneebone - 1st Freestyle
	Oliver Jones - 2nd Backstroke
	Randall Young - 1st Breaststroke
<i>Yr 8 Girls</i>	Bella Howes - 1st Freestyle
	Holly Plowman - 2nd Freestyle, 1st Breaststroke
	Cerys Jones - 3rd Backstroke, 2nd Breaststroke
<i>Yr 8 Boys</i>	Eddy Price - 1st Freestyle
	Alex Cowan - 1st Backstroke, 2nd Butterfly
<i>Yr 8 Relay - 2nd</i>	Bella Howes Holly Plowman
	Eddy Price Alex Cowan
<i>Yr 5 Relay - 3rd</i>	Olivia Vivian Joshua Thornley
	Aoife Vivian Jacob Robertson

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following learners who received Merit Certificates at the liturgies on Friday 20 March:

Zyla Abao, George Sutherland, Levi Arthur, Leo Blackburn, Ava Walker, Zach Bradley, Flynn Samson, Alexa Tecson, Kyle Lugtu, Ana Tatafu, Maevie Malone, Arabella Anderson, Zac Ryder, Caitlyn Fraser, Malachi Hillier-Arnold, Bryan Abu, Toby Knill, Madison Fairbrass, Scarlett Latimer, Chrystal Ashwell, Emma de Leijer, Matthew Macaspac, Ruby Classens, Kurt Belaong, Cole Baker, Allen Celedonio, Angelo Lugtu, Hanz Lopez, Sophie O'Sullivan, Mitchell Ferguson, Megan Kirwan-Broughan and Joshua Roughan.