



SAINT BERNADETTE'S SCHOOL

Loving our learning, Living our faith, Knowing our God

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Kia ora koutou

ANZAC Day 2020

Tomorrow is ANZAC day when we remember those who have served and sacrificed for us. Many of us will #standatdawn at 6am tomorrow morning as we can not attend our usual dawn parade or Anzac service. I hope you are keeping an eye on our school facebook page to see what others are doing to commemorate Anzac day this year and get some ideas for what you could do.



Covid-19 Alert level 3

Thank you for your openness and willingness to communicate with us and do your best to adhere to the level 3 guidelines. For families this means - if you can keep your children at home please do. Schools are open for the children who need to come to school as the adults in the house are all going out to work.

We will be forming 2 bubbles at school on Wednesday with the children we know are coming back. Each bubble will have 2 teachers. The bubbles will have

separate break times and will not interact or cross paths through the day. We will have one bubble on each side of the school using different toilet blocks.

The children that are coming to school can come to school / be dropped off between 8.30am and 9am. They can leave/be picked up between 2.50 and 3.15pm.

No one other than these students and onsite staff will be allowed past the front door of the school. All students and



onsite staff will enter through the front door where there will be hand sanitiser and a sign in/out sheet.

Children will be supported to keep physical distance of 1 metre inside and 2 metres outside as much as possible.

Learning at home

Thank you to those of you who are able to keep your children at home and are. The teachers that are not going to be onsite working are continuing to work on our bubbles of fun ideas sheet for learning at home. They will also be keen to get emails about your learning and will write back to you. They will also provide you with digital links you can use to access a variety of activities to explore and choose from.



School Devices and Printed packs

Once we get our onsite bubbles organised we will be happy to sort out school devices to loan out to families of year 5 - 8 students that would like them at home over this time.

We are deliberate at St Bernadette's School about allocating devices to students at these year levels. This is because we don't want people younger being over focused on screens. We prefer all students to be exploring and creating in the world around them. Younger students do not benefit from too much screen time. As our students move through the school they are also learning about being cyber smart and safe. We know that students on devices require plenty of support and supervision. So in lock down we are happy to loan out our devices to those same students they are allocated to in school.



If you have indicated that you would like a school device at home we will get it ready for you. Annette will call you when it is ready to be picked up. We will have it organised so that you can come and collect it contactless.

The teachers that are working from home will be developing printed activity packs. We will let you know when these are available to pick up contactless.

Taking care of your family

All of these things are totally optional. Only you know what is right for your children and your family at this time.

Do not think that we are pressuring you to be doing 'school learning' at home. We know your families are doing great things together. We have heard about camping in the back yard, baking/cooking, singing and dancing, playing make believe, building and creating. All of these things are fantastic fun and learning. Enjoy this time together. If what we are offering is helpful to you - use it. If it isn't - don't. We won't be offended.



Also - we miss you and we love hearing from you.
You are all in our thoughts and prayers all of the time.

Jo Buckley
Principal

