



'Growing in Faith
Together'

15 August 2020

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Thank you for your quick response to the government announcement during the week to stay home and keep safe after the reemergence of COVID-19 in Auckland. Our families, teachers and students have responded well to getting back into our online learning.

As many of us thought would happen, following the announcement by the Prime Minister yesterday evening, there will be no change to current alert levels. Auckland is to remain at Alert Level 3 for a further 12 days so as to contain the spread of this outbreak. The situation will be continually reviewed by the government over the next week.

Sancta Maria Catholic Primary School is **closed for instruction until Thursday August 27** and only open for supervision of students of Essential Workers who do not have access to alternative childcare. If you are an essential worker and do not have an alternative childcare option, please email the Principal - ginab@sanctamariaprimarieschool.nz urgently before Sunday midday so that the school has time to prepare - The key message for you is that **if you can, you should keep your child at home**.

Over the last few days our teachers have been working together online in their teams to prepare the learning from home programmes that we anticipated we would need for the next two weeks. I have been very impressed with how competently our teachers have stepped up and got back into online learning. It is so important that all our students and families work with the teachers and engage in the learning from home.

If your child does not have access to a chrome book or iPad to do their 'Learning from Home' activities, please email jenniw@sanctamariaprimarieschool.nz to arrange collection of a device from school on Monday 17th or Tuesday 18th August.

In order to ensure the safety of those children and our staff who do come to school, we will be operating with strict enforcement of health and safety measures. **Please do not come into our school if you or anyone in your bubble is showing signs of sickness or symptoms of COVID.** If you do come on site you need to sign in outside the office door and wait to be instructed. Contact tracing and strict hygiene is essential at this time.

We will continue to keep you updated as more information comes through from the Ministry of Education.

*Mā te Atua koutou katoa e tiaki, e manaaki.
May God protect and care for you all.*

*Gina Benade
Principal*