



***Serving with Faith and Love***

17 February 2021

## **Auckland moving to Alert Level 2**

Kia ora koutou parents, whanau and care givers

A message from the Ministry of education: "We are moving down to Alert Level 2 from 11.59pm tonight. The huge volume of tests completed in the last few days has given confidence that if any further cases arise, they will likely be closely linked to these existing cases.

It's been a great effort from our school and wider community, health workers, scientists, and technicians and the thousands of people who have been tested across New Zealand".

***We look forward to welcoming all of you back onsite tomorrow.***

***Miss Maddy and a teacher will be at the gate to meet your child/ren.***

### **Important points**

- Alert Level 2 still has some restrictions for our school with the main one being that children should be not breathing on or touching each other, as much as practicable.
- **For pick up**  
Staff will line up the children (safe distancing), just inside the gate on the top court and ask that you remain outside of the gate and call to your child's teacher (who will be on duty), if she does not see you so they can release children one at a time as we do not want any crowding coming in and out of the front gate.
- **We are postponing the whanau Sausage Sizzle and games afternoon** until next week Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2021. The start time remains 3.15pm. Games and Sausage sizzle. 4pm - Meet your child/rens teacher in the classroom, followed by games until 5pm.
- **We ask that your child brings a named water bottle to school.**
- A reminder from the Ministry and our Bot- **please keep your child home if they are sick.**

- **During Level 2, there will be no after school care until next week.** However, if you have trouble organising care for your child after school please call Miss Maddy or Mrs Rivers.
- If it is necessary and you enter the school gate, please contact the school office for assistance and **continue to scan QR codes**. Please monitor closely for illness within your whānau.
- **St Joseph's focus** as always will be to support the learning, safety and wellbeing of our tamariki and we continue to be here to support you as well.
- **Please do not hesitate to contact your child's kaiako/teacher or me**, if there is something you need assistance with.

Dear Lord,

Thank you for all parents/whanau and caregivers who have done a great job once again in COVID lockdown.

Please give us all fresh grace and week full of promise as we enter the Lenten Season.

Lead us in your ways and fill my heart with love.

Help us always see others as you see them.

Dear Father, we ask that you guide every decision, response, effort and conversation that we have.

In Jesus' name Pray.

Amene.

**DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?**  
In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words; be silent and listen.

Thank you parents, whanau and caregivers for all you do for our children. Please take care of yourselves too

Ngā mihi

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