



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 1 Week 9
25 March 2020

Kia ora St Mark's Whānau,
What a week it has been and you have all been amazing! I am so proud to be the principal in this great community. Staff wanted me to pass on their thanks to so many of you who are embracing a new "temporary normal OTL". The posts of the learning, the videos and home fun are so heartwarming.

A FEW THINGS:

1 Holidays - in a previous communication there was news that the Ministry of Education has brought the holidays forward. Term One is now complete as of **Thursday 26th March**. Term 2 is due to start on **Wednesday April 15th**. Staff will be taking their school break from tomorrow but will continue to interact with you until Friday to support the transition to online learning.

Please take time as your families hunker down to spend time on recreational activities that fill your buckets. "All in this together" - again!

2. Essential workers - to those of you who will work through the lockdown we thank you for your expertise and pray for your safety, peace and calm as you serve and care for others.

3. SCHOOL APP - Thank you to those of you who have added this to your personal device.

If your family is not using it please download the APP at your earliest convenience. This will allow you to have a record of all communications from the school in one place.

4. ITINERANT TEACHERS please keep these lovely folk in your prayers too. Just a reminder that in the rush of the closure of school this private arrangement with your teacher was missed

5. CLOSED. As the school is closed there will be no staff onsite for the foreseeable future. I will leave the school today at 3.00pm. If there is anything your child has left at school, it will remain here until we open again. Items will be safe as security will continue for our plant.

Kia kaha St Mark's family - stay safe and see you soon.



Some great photos of our school from last week and this. Such happiness particularly from the Vicar Clown!!



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