



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 2 Week 2
22 April 2020

From the Worner Lounge

Mauri ora St Mark's Whānau, and greetings to you all on this glorious day!!

Bubble Time and finding joy in simplicity



Our son's potato discovery, a coffee made for me by my husband and the deliciousness of home made hot cross buns! What are the joys you have found in your bubble? For me there is much to hold on to in the future and this means for family too.

Kaitakitanga!

I hope you have had a chance to see for yourselves some elements of this in your bubble but also as it permeates some of our At-Home Learning.

Alert Level 3

Yesterday I communicated with the community, some early plans the school staff have been making in response to the Government's decision to move to Alert Level 3 from **Monday 27th at 11.59pm**.

Although there will be more messages from me this week (sorry in advance!), as the Ministry of Education reveal more guidelines of the conditions under which schools can and should operate, I want to reiterate that under Alert Level 3:

- Children (up to year 10) are to **stay at home and continue with learning online**.
- Where their parent's working conditions mean they cannot work

from home, schools will be open for supervision during normal school hours.

- Teachers at St Mark's School are delivering a superb online program that is evolving and encouraging individual learning in unique opportunities.
- Teachers onsite at St Mark's school from 29th April, will not be providing instruction or face-to-face classroom teaching. They will be supervising the online program.
- Managing bubbles, staff bubble vulnerabilities and meeting the physical distancing and hygiene protocols given by the Director General of Health has been my priority.
- Our amazing staff have such an awareness, and have been praying for those in our community for whom Lockdown has been stressful, financially worrying and a time of great uncertainty. Please reach out to me or your teacher if you need additional support - there are so many options - and we are just a phone call away.

Dates

- **Monday 27th April - ANZAC day observed - NO distance learning.**
- **Tuesday 28th April - Teacher Only Day (announced by Government) - NO distance learning.**

Staff will access the school site in the next 3 days under strict conditions and use the days above to prepare for our growing online learning programs.

We encourage you to check out the ANZAC day resources provided.

Blessinas everyone - Averil



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Online Learning Techie Check

If things worked fine for your whānau last term, that's fantastic!
Our systems are all the same, so you are good to go.

If there were some challenges or frustrations last term, please keep reading...

Years 0-4

Students who encountered difficulties last term will have the option to start using a personal Seesaw Home Learning account. For account details, please contact... NATHAN OR TEACHER?

Years 5+

Students will continue using their personal Google account to sign in. For forgotten passwords or any other issues, please contact Miss Cristy Yonetani, Lead Teacher - E-Learning: c.yonetani@saintmarks.school.nz

Frequently Asked Questions

Why can't I see my child's Seesaw journal?

When it is logged into with a hapori QR code, the Seesaw CLASS app will not display learning journals. (This is to maintain privacy for students and families.)

To see your child's journal, use the Seesaw FAMILY app, or get a personal Seesaw Home Learning account from your child's teacher.

Do I have to sign in and out of Seesaw every time?

There is no need to sign out unless you have siblings sharing a device. The best solution in this case may be to print each child's personal Seesaw Home Learning account QR code and keep them handy.

How can I stop getting so many notifications?