



# St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 2 Week 4  
6 May 2020

## From the School Bubble

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

And what a glorious shot over the vicar's family home, with the spire of St Mark's Church just peeking over in the background!



## In the school bubble...

- Everyone is working brilliantly on their online learning tasks and connecting with their teacher everyday.
- We have watched some funny movies.
- We are all working on our fitness every day!
- We are finding ways to serve others from afar.
- Church in the bubble is a joy - we love Rev. Ben!
- Louise and Christine are in the office working hard on behalf of us all.
- Kevin is being kept very busy with the leaves which have accumulated in their thousands while we have been in Lockdown.

## Alert Level 2

At the time of writing, I have NO specific information from the Ministry of Education (which is guided by the Director General of Health), as to what the restrictions and guidelines for our school under Alert Level 2 will look like.

The sector has been promised information tomorrow, and as staff meet this week, I will share these guidelines with you so you are able to make an informed decision about your children at Level 2.

Staff are preparing for:

- *Social distancing procedures - in the classroom, in the playground,*
- *Conversations about "learning bubble" numbers and whether these need to be adjusted at the new level.*
- *Staffing in learning bubbles and teams and deploying staff to meet everyone's learning and achievement.*
- *Strict handwashing and hand sanitising protocols, and cough and sneeze etiquette.*
- *Assurance that those who are sick stay home.*
- *The exciting possibilities our learning online programs mean for our future curriculum!*

I commend the article below to you all. Our Prime Minister has called for sacrifice and kindness in these times, and here in Canterbury, driven by their faith, are two wonderful living examples of both.

[The brilliant Bagshaws: Canterbury doctors dedicated to ...](#)

Blessings everyone, Averil





## An Update from the Board of Trustees Review Committee



### FOR INFORMATION

#### 2020 Term 2 – Policy Reviews:

As part of St Mark's three-year review cycle, there are no Policy areas requiring feedback from school parents this term.

Two policies that will have input from Board members and staff this term are:

- Documentation and Self Review
- Employer Responsibility

#### 2020 Term 2 - Assurance:

In addition to reviewing policy, it's also the role of the Board to gain **ASSURANCE** that the operational policy and procedures are being operationalised in the school.

This term we will undertake assurance on a variety of areas including

<u>Finance and Property Management</u>	<u>Health, Safety, and Welfare</u>	<u>Legislation and Administration</u>
- SUE (Staff Usage and Expenditure)	- Abuse Recognition and Reporting - Digital Technology and Cybersafety - Evacuation Procedure/Emergency Kit - Risk Management	- Student attendance