



St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 3 Week 7
8 September 2021

Kia ora Te Kura o Hato Māka whānau,

Just a short newsletter to share some school information with you.

School Bubble - Alert Level 3

It has been a joy to be part of the Bubble School again. The students have been wonderful, working well with their siblings or alone on the activities provided on Seesaw along with the rest of the class.

Mr Rennie's name game has been very popular, skipping ropes have had many workouts, activities on seesaw have been diligently completed and connecting with their teachers has been high on the list early in the morning.

Thank you to Mr Rennie, Mr Clarkson and Mrs Wells who joined me in the bubble - we have loved it!

Junior Toilet Block

Prior to lockdown we were able to use the Junior toilets. We were grateful to the Board of Proprietors for their refurbishment and thank them again for fixing the hall roof!

Centennial

The committee has been communicating in Alert Level 3 and will meet again on Monday 13th September.

As you can imagine under the current guidelines it is a complex space to be making plans and decisions. Please pray for their wisdom and the patience and understanding of our wider community in the coming weeks.

Sanitary Products

Free products are available to our school students, as part of the Period Poverty Initiative. This initiative ensures that all students have access to products appropriate to their needs. Access to these products is through the office.

Alert Level 2

A communication has been sent to all families outlining the measures our school will take to comply with all Public Health guidelines at Alert Level 2.

Staff are meeting today to discuss these measures to ensure consistency and compliance.

As you will imagine there are a number of significant events currently on our school calendar that under the Alert Level 2 guidance of numbers gathering will require staff to make clear decisions with the likelihood of some events being rescheduled.

We will inform you of changes to our calendar once these decisions have been made.

Staff come back to school confident in our processes and thrilled to be reuniting with classes. We are thinking of our colleagues in Tamaki Makaurau and the length of time, lockdown has continued.

On a personal note, our daughter Charlotte and husband Matt welcomed our new granddaughter into the world during lockdown - Harper. Such a blessing in recent weeks and a joy.

Praise be! - Averil





An Update from the Board of Trustees Review Committee



FOR INFORMATION

2021 Term 3 – Policy Reviews:

As part of St Marks' Policy three-year review cycle, there are two Policies requiring feedback from school parents, Staff and Board Members this term:

- Concerns and Complaints
- Behaviour Management

2021 Term 3 - 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>Employer Responsibility</u>	<u>Health, Safety, and Welfare</u>	<u>Legislation and administration</u>
Appraisal of the Principal	- Physical Restraint - Risk Management - Safety Management System - Surrender & Retention of Property and Searches	- International Students