



# St Mark's

## Coronavirus Update - 23.08.21

Kia ora koutou

The Prime Minister this afternoon has confirmed that New Zealand will remain at Alert Level 4 until 11.59pm Friday 27th August.

We will continue to offer our Distance Learning Programme from Preschool to Year 8, including the Arrowsmith Programme, until the end of this Friday, when the alert level is reviewed next. We will continue to keep families updated as events unfold and decisions are made.

### **Programme for Year 0-8**

This week, your child's homeroom teacher will continue to post their daily timetable to Seesaw by 6.00pm the night before. There will be a scheduled specialist teacher class each day at the same time across the week. In your child's timetable will be the codes your child will need to log into each Google Meet along with their tasks or activities for the day. Your child will continue to have daily check-ins with their homeroom teacher at 9.00am and 2.30pm each day. The Distance Learning Programme is designed to be flexible and work around your family, so please do what you can and let your child's homeroom teacher know if you need support.

### **Programme for Preschool**

All group/profile teachers will be meeting their groups online at 10:00am. Preschool families will receive a daily timetable with a Google Meet link from your child's group/profile teacher at 9:00am via Seesaw. The timetable will give you a run down of the scheduled play-based learning activities for the day and planned times for Google Meets.

### **Assistance with Technology**

A reminder that if your child has any issues with their device or their software during our Distance Learning programme, please contact your classroom teacher. We are here to assist at all times.

### **Level 3 Planning and Preparation**

In the event of a move to Level 3 in Wellington after this Friday, Preschool and School would reopen for students needing to be physically on site. If your child would need to return to school under Level 3, please complete this form. Thank you to the families that require their children to attend school and have completed this form. We greatly appreciate this and it assists us in providing the levels of staffing needed under Level 3.

## **Playgrounds Closed**

A friendly reminder that the St Mark's School and Preschool playgrounds and grounds remain closed at Alert Level 4. Families should not be accessing any school grounds in the suburbs that you live in as well.

We know that this is a difficult and stressful time for you all and we are here, as a School, Preschool and as a Board, to help families of St Mark's. A reminder that if any families require support in the coming days, please reach out to your classroom teacher, our Deputy Principal, Mrs Erica Harvison: [erica.harvison@st-marks.school.nz](mailto:erica.harvison@st-marks.school.nz) or our School Chaplain, Rev Dr Digby Wilkinson: [digby.wilkinson@gmail.com](mailto:digby.wilkinson@gmail.com) or myself. We are here for all our families.

A sincere thank you to all families for your support of St Mark's and our staff in Alert Level 4. We have received much positive feedback from families about our Distant Learning Programmes, services and pastoral care and we are grateful to have received this feedback. I thank families for all you are doing in your bubbles – we have seen before that staying at home will break the chain of transmission of the Delta variant and, by following the rules set down by the Government and Health Ministry, we will come out of lockdown sooner. So please continue to follow the guidelines of our health officials by wearing masks when venturing outside your bubbles, washing hands regularly and being kind and supportive of one another at this time. Please send prayers and positive thoughts the way of our remarkable essential workers who keep the day to day operations of New Zealand going for the health and safety of us all.

It was so lovely to see many happy and smiling faces in the Owen House Assembly today. Congratulations **Cynthia Liu**, Owen House Captain, and all the contributors to a lovely Assembly to start the week! Also Happy Birthday today to our remarkable Deputy Principal, **Mrs Erica Harvison!** Take care everyone and stay safe and well!

Kia Kaha - We are St Mark's!

Nga mihi nui

**Kent Favel | Principal**  
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