

Alert Level 2 News Letter



Good morning Families and Friends of St Joseph's School

A big welcome back to everyone on Thursday. I would like to say thank you to the staff, the children and parents at home. You have all done a great job helping and supporting the children with their learning during this time. You are a great bunch of people and it is a pleasure working with everyone.

School will be open to all students from Thursday 9 September and we would like you to know that we will have all the right measures in place to make it safe for the children and staff.

All school chromebooks need to be returned to school tomorrow. Please remember to charge them tonight. These will be cleaned when they arrive back.

Any event or activity that brings people onsite who are not there for education purposes, including students, parents and caregivers, will need to have the rules of gatherings applied so for this reason we ask that you drop off and pick up your children at the school gate on the Stewart Street entrance.

God Bless Annette and the Staff

Under Alert Level 2, it is safe for all schools to open. Safe and sensible practices for hygiene and contact tracing will be the norm at St Joseph's School. All students will be welcomed back on Thursday 9 September. The disease remains in New Zealand, so we need to remain vigilant and take appropriate steps to avoid transmission at school. I have outlined the guidelines we will be putting into place at school for your information.

Parents At School

If parents/caregivers come onto the school grounds you must scan and sign in at the office and wear a face mask. Please use the school gate at the Stewart Street entrance for drop off and pick up. Do not go into any classroom, if you need to speak to a teacher go into the office and Shirley will organise this. Thank you.

Guidelines for Alert Level 2 at School

- * In school physical distancing means children and staff maintain enough distance so that they are not breathing or touching each other.
- * It is not required for children to wear face coverings but if they feel they want to do this they are most welcome.
- * Children to cough into their elbows.
- * There will be regular cleaning of commonly touched surfaces.
- * Children and staff will be sent home if they are unwell.
- * The drink fountain at school will be out of bounds. Children are encouraged to have their own personal drink bottle. These will be filled from home as there are no facilities at school to do this safely.
- * The Ministry bus services will run to normal time table. Increased cleaning and sanitisation practices will be made after each trip
- * There will be no hot lunches or bought lunches while we are in Level 2.