

16th March 2020

Dear Parents/Caregivers

re-COVID-19

On Saturday, 14 March, Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern announced new border measures, a ban on cruise ships entering New Zealand waters and other provisions. Many of these take effect from 23:59 on Sunday 15 March. These fast-paced changes are aimed at cluster control and stamping it out (Phase 4, NZ Pandemic Plan).

As our government shares information and directives these include social gatherings, not just in Auckland but across the country, travel etc, we need to respond appropriately in our own setting. I have made the decision to cancel the following events in order to do all we can during this “Stamp it out” phase.

- Screenagers Movie - 1st April at 7 pm
- Dads and Daughters Breakfast - 2nd April at 7:15 am

Please note that, as we understand more about what is needed, cancellations may include a number of other upcoming events, trips, camps etc. in the coming weeks/months. We will keep you informed as soon as decisions are made.

The new border controls are likely to affect some of our families who are either currently overseas or plan to travel overseas and have arrived home since 1am Monday 16th March. For these families or others that need to self-isolate, we have made preparations so that learning can continue for your child/children.

During this stage, we have a designated and experienced e-learning specialist teacher (co-teaching across all levels) who will oversee this for students who may find themselves at home during this phase. Please contact Maria Persson in the first instance through mariap@sccs.school.nz Maria will talk you through the process and she will liaise with the classroom teacher to ensure your child/children maintain connection to what is happening in their classroom.

In the next few days, a form will be sent home with your contact details. It is imperative that you check these and return this slip to the school office. We are tracking all returns to ensure that we are 100% accurate with details should we need to contact you urgently. Please help us to help you in case of an emergency.

In the meantime, our greatest tool remains hygiene practice. The following reminders are from the Ministry of Health:

Basic hygiene measures are the most important way to stop the spread of infections, including the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19). Basic hygiene measures include:

- ***hand hygiene – that is, washing hands regularly with soap and water, or cleansing with hand sanitiser***
- ***staying at home if you are sick***
- ***coughing or sneezing into a tissue or your elbow and then performing hand hygiene***
- ***cleaning surfaces regularly.***

A reminder that you are able to access our school's Pandemic Plan through the school website and Facebook page.

Thank you for your on-going understanding and support during these interesting times.

Kind regards

Gareth Duncan
Principal

Karyn Rastrick
BOT Chairperson