

MISSION HEART and SOUL

To live as part of a Catholic community and respond to our call to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself" Luke 10:27

EDUCATION HEAD and VOICE

Become confident, connected, actively involved lifelong learners and followers of Christ who are learning through the direction set by the NZ Catholic and NZ Curriculums.

"For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth comes knowledge and understanding." Proverbs 2:6-7

SERVICE HANDS and FEET

To live out the Gospel values and make a difference in the world, guided by the Holy Spirit and Catholic social teachings.

"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Col. 3:15-17

27 March 2020

Dear Parents

Firstly, thank you for the way that you are supporting your children with home learning this week.

The Covid19 situation developed with speed and we needed to respond with matching urgency in our setting up of digital learning. We appreciate your patience with us, as this is, as much for us, as it is for you, a new way of facilitating learning in an entirely new context. We have been very fortunate that we anticipated this and had plans in place with classrooms set up for digital learning through Google Classroom and Seesaw. We also have had expert assistance and support with Maria Persson who has vast experience with digital learning and has been a great support to our teaching team. Thank you, Maria.

The Ministry of Education has officially moved our holiday period forward to begin today, Friday 27th March and ends on Wednesday 15th April. With the intensity of our new reality, it is time for our teachers to take a break themselves, for their own well-being. We are urging our teaching team to ensure that they do this for their own health.

While you may see some teachers continue to engage with their students on-line, many will take an opportunity over the next two weeks to re-energise and focus on their own families. There may be posts from teachers of a less academic focus that reflect that we are actually in holiday mode.

Feel free to continue with the learning tasks that have been set during term time and to respond to communications from teachers, but please realise that for the next two weeks we are in a "taking a breath mode" as we are committed to the long haul of learning in new ways and in new spaces through the course of the lockdown. For this reason, we ask that requests for learning to our teachers wait until the new term officially begins on Wednesday 15th April.

We, teachers, will, of course, be continuing to use this break, as always, for preparation, professional development and connecting with our colleagues on the curriculum.

Please click here for [further information for parents and caregivers](#) taken from the latest bulletin received from the Ministry of Education (to all schools). If you are unable to open the link, the letter is also attached to the email sent home and on our website.

May God bless and keep you all in good health and spirit.
Gareth Duncan and the teaching staff

