



Kia ora Parents and Caregivers

*from the Principal*

I hope this finds life going well for you all in Alert level 3. I can imagine the novelty of the whole distance learning might be wearing a little thin for some by now. You are probably noticing the levels of motivation and engagement experienced by your children and how they can ebb and flow quite considerably. This is perfectly normal.

Learning, by its very nature, is quite hard work because it pushes our brains to work hard. Some people are naturally motivated to learn relatively independently but for many it takes quite a bit more than that. Children learn from one another, from the fun and challenge that being together and doing something together brings. We thank you for all the efforts you are making to support distance learning and please remember that most importantly it needs to fit well with the happiness and well-being of your family situation.

### **Alert level 3 at our school**

Being in Alert level 3 certainly has meant a change for a small group of us here at school. We have 8 adults on site and about 24 students. We have 3 bubbles operating with a teacher and teacher aide (Teresa, Stasia and Emma) in each bubble. Elaine Stewart, Christine Bartlett and I are undertaking the teaching role at school while classroom teachers continue with the distance learning from their own homes. We have Rachael in the office and Vicki looking after our property and grounds. It is very nice to be back!

### **Increasing our Alert level 3 roll**

Please remember that if your work circumstances have changed and you need to work away from home with no one to look after your children, they are most welcome to join our Alert level 3 roll. You just need to send me an email.

### **Moving to Alert level 2**

The Government will make a decision on Monday 11 May as to whether to stay in Level 3 or move to Level 2. The health and safety parameters for the levels are led by Public Health who understandably want to have as much public health data before they settle on detailed advice.

As soon as the Ministry of Education is able, they will provide schools with detailed advice on moving to Alert level 2. They will be working hard to provide certainty as early as possible to allow schools as much time as possible to plan for this. Once we receive this information we will be sharing it with our parent community.

Once again, many thanks for all your on-going support. We will continue to keep you all updated as new information comes to hand. Please do not hesitate to contact me at [principal@stpeterpaul.school.nz](mailto:principal@stpeterpaul.school.nz) if you have any questions.

Ngā mihi

*Kay Tester*



Following the **Footsteps** of **Jesus**

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stewardship  
joy faith



**Te Huinga o ngā Pihopa  
Katorika o Aotearoa**  
New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference



**1 May 2020**

## **Statement for Catholic School Families in Response to the Challenges Encountered by Covid-19**

Kia ora koutou nga Whanau Katorika

The New Zealand Catholic Bishops have been mindful of the challenges many people in our community are facing during the Covid-19 crisis. We understand the anxiety for parents and caregivers created by a loss of employment or other challenges of caring for children at home during this lockdown.

Our schools offer strong pastoral care, which is the foundation of our Catholic faith and is particularly important in times of upheaval, such as when many educators and students are having to adjust to distance learning. We want to ensure all those currently enrolled in Catholic schools are able to remain at their school of choice.

The New Zealand Catholic Education Office and our Diocesan leadership teams have given Catholic school Proprietors an appraisal of the challenges parents are likely to face as a result of the impacts of Covid-19. They are looking at ways we can support the cost of attendance dues for parents who have a loss of income or other hardship. Work is being done to ensure that our community is supported during this period, and that students are not further challenged by a need to look for a new school as a result of financial hardship.

Families are encouraged to contact their diocese's schools/education office.

We remember Catholic school families, staff and communities in our prayers, and commend you all for your creative and faith-filled response during this time. We are inspired by how schools have worked to ensure the continued learning and spiritual formation of students. We look forward to continuing to support our community to remain part of the Catholic Education family.

God Bless,

- ✠ **Patrick Dunn, Bishop of Auckland and NZCBC President**
- ✠ **John Dew, Cardinal Archbishop of Wellington, NZCBC Vice President**
- ✠ **Stephen Lowe, Bishop of Hamilton and NZCBC Secretary**
- ✠ **Paul Martin SM, Bishop of Christchurch**
- ✠ **Michael Dooley, Bishop of Dunedin**
- ✠ **Michael Gielen, Auxiliary Bishop of Auckland**
- Paul Ferris, Chief Executive, New Zealand Catholic Education Office**

# SCHOOL UPDATES

## 2021 Enrolments

**We welcome enrolments from our school community for 2021**

If you have friends or family members who are interested in enrolling their child at our school next year please remind them that enrolment forms are available on our school website [www.stpeterpaul.school.nz](http://www.stpeterpaul.school.nz) under Our school. Information on our enrolment procedures is included on the enrolment form.

We will be looking at all enrolment enquiries for 2021 in May this year.

If you have any questions about enrolling please contact Lisa via email

[lisa@stpeterpaul.school.nz](mailto:lisa@stpeterpaul.school.nz).



## SPORT *updates*

### **CROSS COUNTRY Year 4 to 8**

This is scheduled for Tuesday 12 May but we expect that even if we drop to Level 2 this will not be possible. At the moment any new date will depend on Hutt Rec bookings or we may need to reschedule it to a track around our school. Even then we are unsure about numbers gathered together so when we do go ahead plan to make this a more specialised event to select our Cross Country group for our Zone event (when that happens). The Zone Sports group have intimated we may not have students entering in the Regionals as their timeline is not particularly flexible and schools do need time to hold their own events, the Zone event and Interzone which is all reliant on when Alert Levels change and the guidelines provided by MOE.

### **SWIMMING SPORTS Year 4 to 8**

These are scheduled for Friday 22 May but of course depend on pools being available. If we are able to use Huia Pool on this date we will be only taking those students who are likely to represent us at Zone level and timing them and this will be done in age groups. The 2 cup races will however be included. We will have limited numbers at the pool. If the pool is not available we will reschedule to suit their availability.

We then hope to identify a date later in Term 3 or Term 4 when we can hold our usual Year 4 to 8 sports with all events and full involvement (minus our timed events and cup races).

For both these sporting opportunities we are keen to focus on participation at a school level so will run something for all eligible students once we are able.

### **NETBALL and BASKETBALL**

We await Level changes for any developments in these areas. Netball has intimated that at Level 2 practices can begin but every child has their own ball and there is no child to child or child to adult contact and equipment can not be shared.

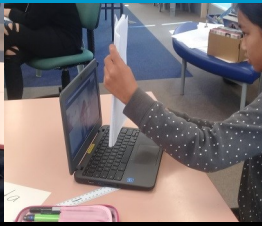
Crowd sizes both inside and outside will also have an influence on both these sports.

# DISTANCE LEARNING *in* ACTION

At school in Level 3



Cali working on Matic in his Rm 14 Bubble



Narada holds up her answer during her online Rm 17 Maths Workshop in her bubble in Rm 14.



Niamh's Watercolour Art



Olivia doing science activities with her brother



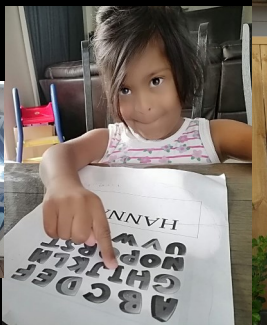
Lily constructing her 3D house



Polly's Leaf Art



Joel using his one good arm to make a birthday cake for his dad.



Hannah can find the heart word - I



Jody and Jessica held an ANZAC parade and laid a wreath in their backyard



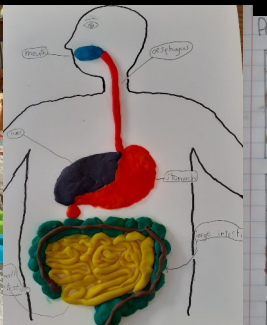
Shannelle making a days of the week chain



Lachlan baking his Focaccia loaf (Jamie Oliver style)



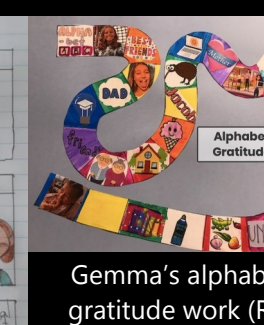
Laetitia is practising making words



Charlie has re-created the digestive system



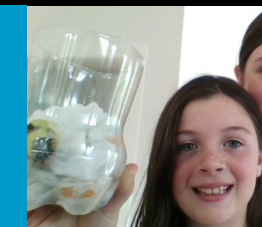
Brooklyn created a comic strip about Pentecost



Gemma's alphabet gratitude work (RE)



Joel is enjoying being a big brother and helping look after his siblings



Ruby working with her sister on some science



Samuel up early for ANZAC Day



Myron's bubble had a Wacky Wednesday



Jane and Shannon baked teddy bear carts



George did an experiment to see how hard your heart works



Ashlee made a great family raft for two.



Rosie and Jonathan built a Lego Jack and the Beanstalk



Jessica's Graffiti Art

# DISTANCE LEARNING *in* ACTION



Jesse made a basketball arcade game



Pippa completing the obstacle course her dad made for P.E



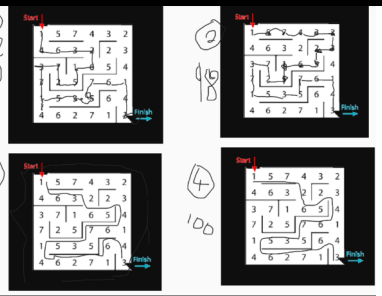
Morgan and Holly with their ANZAC Wreath



Penny's leaf art



Caitlin sharing her wonderful Zentangle art



Zac demonstrated great perseverance finding the maze path that added to 100



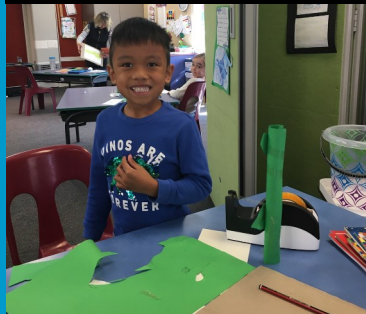
Archie's Mum had her birthday so he planned a yummy dessert for her, a Banana Split!



Olive's Pentecost Comic Strip



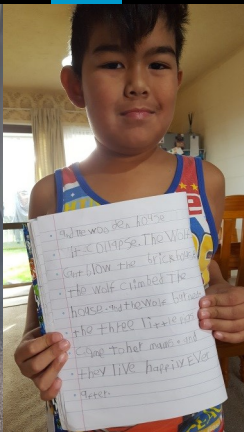
Pania's Zentangle Art



Making, creating, measuring, reading, writing and retelling the story of Jack and the Beanstalk in our Kowhai bubble.



Mia found a four leaf clover



Thirty - part of his fairytale



Summer is enjoying reading a different version of Jack and the Beanstalk



Mataya's Autumn Art



Sofia charged a clock with an apple