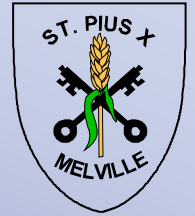


St Pius X Catholic School

Te Kura o Hato

Newsletter #3



To Learn Love
To Learn Wisdom
The Way We Are

Friday 15th May 2020

Week 3 Term 2



Principal's Message

Tena koutou katoa. Nga mihi nui kia koutou.

Alert Level 2—the almost nearly normal as I call it.

We met as a staff yesterday to discuss implementing safe practises in our school for our students and each other.

The key Public Health approach is to minimise the risk that someone gets infected in the first place, and secondly to ensure we can identify and contact anyone who has been in close contact with a person, if someone in a school is infected.

With this in mind, please note the following:

- If your child is sick they are to stay home. If they become sick at school, you will be contacted and they will be required to go home.
- There will be sanitisers in every classroom and in the admin block.
- There will be regular cleaning of the playgrounds and equipment.
- Our cleaning company is aware of the requirement for keeping our buildings clean and sanitised.
- Students will have their own desk / space in the classroom.
- Students will have their own stationery e.g. pencil, glue stick etc(provided) if they have their own felts, colour pencils or crayons, and a pencil case to keep them in would be very helpful. Do not worry if they don't, we will ensure they do not miss out..
- While drink fountains will be regularly cleaned, we do encourage children to have their own drink bottle and use the fountains to fill their bottles rather than drink from them.
- When visiting the office, please ensure there is one person at a time at the counter. Please wait outside or in the foyer keeping in mind distancing protocols.

Physical distancing is a good precaution to prevent the spread of disease. We do however know it is challenging in schools, so good hygiene practices and regular cleaning are even more important here. This includes staff and students coughing into their elbows, handwashing and drying and regular cleaning of commonly touched surfaces.

Contact tracing: This is probably the biggest change for our school. If you enter a classroom, you will be required to sign a sheet which will be by the sanitiser. If you go to the office, even if only briefly, you **MUST** sign in using the VisTab in the office. There is sanitiser at reception, and the VisTab will be wiped down after each use.

Best practice would be to have your children dropped off at the gate and let them come in independently, with the new entrants being the exception. If you do choose to walk down the drive, please observe distancing protocols. Children will be taken down the drive after school.

It's important however, that not just at school but at home, safe hygiene habits are practised by everyone, as this is essential to minimise the risk that someone gets infected with Covid-19.

For more information about the public health measures at Alert Level 2, you can visit the covid19.govt.nz website: <https://covid19.govt.nz/>

If you have any questions about our health and safety plan, or have a child who might be vulnerable to serious illness and would like to discuss a plan for them, please contact me.
principal@stpius.school.nz

If you have moved house or have a new phone number please contact the school office and update your contact details. 07 843 6554 or info@stpius.school.nz

Winter Uniform When children return they will be required to wear winter uniform. Please ensure all items are named.

Girls

Tunic
Royal blue long sleeved polo shirt
Royal blue zip tunic sweatshirt
Grey socks with royal blue stripes
Black, flat, plain shoes
Black bike shorts

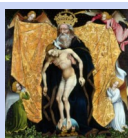
Boys

Grey shorts
Royal blue long sleeved polo shirt
Royal blue zip tunic sweatshirt
Grey socks with royal blue stripes
Black, flat, plain shoes

Beanies are an optional extra. Please make sure your children have adequate wet weather gear. Contact Direct Group for uniform requirements on 07 847 6664 or click on the following link
<http://directgroup.co.nz/site/>

The staff are looking forward to welcoming back their students next week. We have a very comprehensive health plan to ensure all our students will not only be safe, but they will be happy to be back after a long break.

God Bless
Jane Rutherford



*Prayers and Resources for Healing and Hope During the Coronavirus (COVID-19)
Pandemic*

During this Coronavirus pandemic, many are tempted to fear, anxiety and perhaps even despair. Some have lost their precious lives, some have lost those whom they love, some have suffered through the debilitating effects of this illness, some have lost their jobs, their income, and most have encountered much disruption to the normal flow of their daily lives.

Every crisis in life is also an opportunity to turn to our beloved Savior in trust and complete abandonment so as to rest in His merciful hands. To rest in the hands of God means we are secure, despite the uncertainty of life. It means we are free to love God and others, despite the challenges we face. It means we raise our eyes to Heaven, rather than look down in fear.