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TERM DATES

Term 1
Wed 2 Feb - Thu 14 Apr

Term 2
Mon 2 May - Fri 8 Jul

Term 3
Mon 25 Jul - Fri 30 Sep

EVENTS

Teacher Only Day
Fri 18 March

Ambrose Golf Day
Sun 27 March



From the Principals Desk...

TEACHER ONLY DAY - TOMORROW Friday 18 March school will be closed for instruction to enable staff to receive Professional Development. Please accept our apologies for the short notice and for any inconvenience caused.

Kia Ora Koutou.

Today is St Patrick's Day and I'm seeing lots of **Coastal Rugby** green around our school which has really made my day. No doubt those whanau with Irish ancestry will be feeling proud to be dressed in their colour today too.

Thank you for supporting our Community Group today. The community group has over the many years I have been here supported all of our Board of Trustees visions for the school, our children and our community. We are in such a strong position as a result of this ongoing support. Thank you, it really means a lot to see you supporting us.

A quick covid update for this week. We have had an average of 38 (15%) children away. We have 7 confirmed student cases this week and 10 further children isolating as household contacts. On top of this we also have children who are home with other illness as well. We have also had a small proportion of staff isolating. At this stage we have been able to maintain normal staffing levels across the school.

I feel that most of my recent communication has largely been linked to Covid and I do apologise for what might be perceived as an overload. I do need to share with you information on the recent changes related to isolation. Please take some time to read how isolation periods will work with the education context.

Confirmed cases of COVID-19: Anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 will be required to isolate for seven days.

Day 0 is the day symptoms began or the day the test was taken (whichever came first). Cases will isolate for a full

seven days and are free to return to normal activities on Day 8, if they are not symptomatic.

Household Contacts: Household contacts are required to isolate for the same seven days as the case.

They can return to their normal activities on the same day as the first case in their household, so long as all test results have been negative, and they are not symptomatic.

Household contacts should continue to self-monitor for symptoms up to Day 10.

Household contacts will be required to take a self-administered rapid antigen test (RAT) on Day 3 and Day 7 of the case's isolation period.

If symptoms develop at any time during isolation:

- the usual advice remains in place to undertake an additional RAT
- if the test is negative and symptoms persist or worsen, test again 48 hours after that negative test
- if symptoms resolve there is no need for a further test until the required Day 7 test. If this is negative, they can return to daily life on Day 8.

If a household contact has new symptoms on the day of release:

- they should undertake an additional RAT and stay at home while unwell
- if that test is negative and symptoms persist or worsen, test again after 48 hours. If symptoms resolve, there is no need for a further test.

If a household contact has finished their period of isolation they do not need to return to isolation if a new case is identified in their household.

However, this only applies for a period of seven days following their leaving isolation.

Should a new household member be confirmed as a case eight or more days after the household contact has left isolation, then they must start a new period of self-isolation for seven days.

Teacher Only Day: Once again apologies for the late notification of our next Teachers only day. I have decided to go ahead with the professional development day with Dr Christine Braid from Massey University despite the current covid situation. This means that school will be closed for students TOMORROW Friday 18th March.

SJB Ambrose Golf Day Spot prizes still required: We are getting closer to our Ambrose Golf Day. **The Community Group is doing one last big push for spot prizes.** This week we need our community to be searching for and sourcing any items that would be suitable. These can be dropped into the school office at any stage next week. If you are able to help out on the day for an hour or two please contact Ben Siffleet 0273195944.

Swimming at School: We would normally keep our school pool up and running for the entire term. With Covid developments and the slight change in temperature we are aware that swimming in slightly colder water could lead to colds etc. With this in mind we are going to take a cautious approach and swimming will end this week. Our goal is keeping children well and avoiding unnecessary runny noses, sneezes and coughs.

Update From Tonga:

Earlier this term we were very fortunate to have an opportunity to help fill a shipping box with much needed supplies and food for families that had been affected by the tsunami in Tonga. We often get acknowledgement from organisations for our donations which is reassuring but on this particular occasion we received a video message directly back from a family that received some of the goods we sent. The Sisifa whanau have translated this message for us and we wanted to share it with you...

My name is Tauata Lotoaniu,

I live in Maufanga my house was one of the houses that was damaged by the tsunami, my house is right across the road from the wharf and when the tsunami hit it was too late for us to get away. Myself and my kids we got in our car and tried to drive away but the waves hit the side of our car and we got stuck on the side of the road. We got out of the car and started running as we were running another wave came and took my 3 year old daughter but luckily she got stuck underneath a fence. I ran over and dragged her out we continued running inland as we were running acid rain started. We were running trying to stop cars but no one stopped everyone was freaking out and vehicles were full of people. We kept going until we got to Pili Road, a car stopped and picked us up. By then we were soaking wet, while we were in the car the driver had a problem with her car so we had to get out of the car and start walking again with my two kids they are 6 and 3 years old. We were running on the road and still acid rain falling by this time I was so lost and didn't know what to do, all I wanted is for someone to pick up my two kids. We were running and still trying to stop cars, we ran all the way to Fanga by then my kids were cold and tired so I carried my 3 year old and piggy backed my 6 year old we kept going until we got to Havelu. Finally, a truck stopped and picked us up and took us to Pea where my relatives live, I had no communication with anyone. The rest of my family finally got together the next day

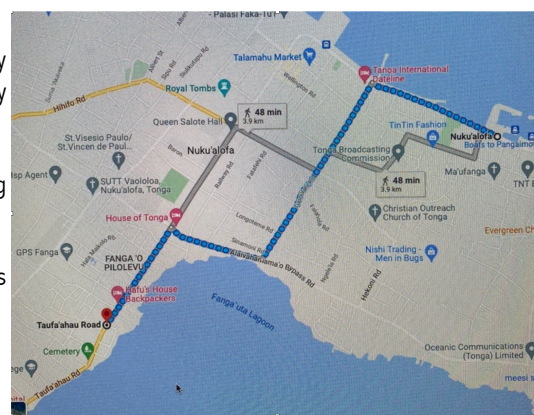


The day after that, when we were able to go back to my house there was nothing left in the house. My oven, my fridge was all outside all the furniture was outside the waves had taken everything outside my clothes were taken out to the sea

Right now, we are starting again things for the house, things for the kid's, food, clothes everything people donate really help me and my family.

The house is still damaged really bad most of the damage is from the tsunami bringing fishing boats that smashed through my house and that took everything out to sea and all over the town.

Thank you very much for the donations it means a lot to me and my family. I can't thank you enough.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT SJB

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION MARCH 2022 A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges:

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

2nd Week Lent

13th Anniversary of Election of Pope Francis, 2013

17th SAINT PATRICK

19th SAINT JOSEPH

This is a big week: The 2nd Week of Lent, Patrick's Day, Saint Joseph's Day and the anniversary of Pope Francis' election as Pope. Lots of things to remember and celebrate.

More about Caritas Lent 2022: 'Called to be Peacemakers':



The theme for Lent 2022 is – "Called to be Peacemakers" based on the Beatitude reference in Matthew 5:9 and inspired by the writing of Pope Francis in his recent encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*. As we journey towards Easter, the theme *Called to be Peacemakers* highlights our encounter with God in building peace.

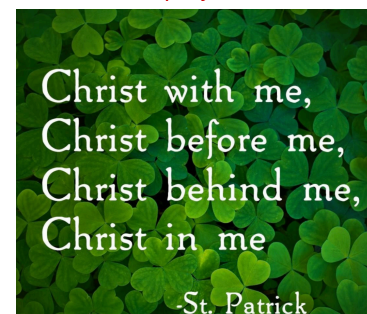
During Lent, New Zealand's Catholic Bishops invite us to provide for the needs of the poor through the work of Caritas.

Money raised through the Bishops' Lent Appeal helps Caritas to fund both development and emergency relief work around the world.

Each year, Caritas develops resources for parishes and communities to guide reflection and prayer throughout the six weeks of Lent. If you would like some ideas of activities that you could do as a family this Lent, click on this link and explore the Caritas website. [Caritas: Lent](#)

2022.

Later this term we will be completing a Caritas Lenten Challenge. More information about this will come out soon.



Our School Core Values

Love

Resilience

Co-operation

Service



Class Mass

Attending Mass is important for supporting the RE program in classrooms. We invite and encourage you to attend these Masses where possible. However, the 100 person limit, vaccine passes, masks, hand sanitising and social distancing practises apply as outlined in the church foyer and [NP Catholic Parish Website](#).

Week 8	Wednesday 23rd March	Pohutukawa / Kowhai
Week 9	Wednesday 30th March	Rimu & Karaka
Week 10	Wednesday 6th April	Kawakawa, Koromiko, Puriri
Week 11	Wednesday 13th April	Totara / Kauri

First Reconciliation / Holy Communion 2022:

At this stage the Sacramental programmes being organised by the New Plymouth Catholic Parish have been postponed because of the current Covid situation. Due to the delay there is still time if you are interested, to register your children for First Holy Communion, Reconciliation and Older Children's Baptism programmes for this year. To register your child or for any further information, please contact Karen on: youngfamilyminister@catholicparishnp.nz

JESUS

His Only Son, Our Lord

HEHU KARAITI



*Jesus is my friend and role model.
We see him in creation, others and ourselves
and we try to be like him every day.
Jesus in our hearts forever.*



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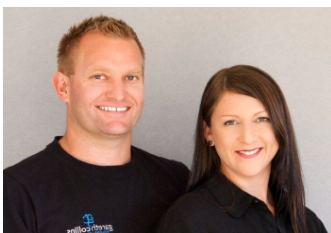
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