



Newsletter 1, Term 2

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PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

Dear families,

COVID - 19 ALERT LEVEL THREE The message is STAY HOME. WORK FROM HOME AND LEARN FROM HOME IF POSSIBLE. This continues to be how we will stamp out COVID-19.

Today we began operating under Alert Level Three. We have three bubbles operating across the school. This week we have 18 children and next week we will have 26 children. We are absolutely thrilled with the positive support we have received from our families to enable us to operate safely under Level Three.

*Can I please ask our 'distance learning' families to **avoid using the school grounds while we are operating under Level Three.** During this time we are adhering strictly to our operating guidelines and it is essential we limit contact and do not mix our bubbles.*

All visitors on site need to be recorded as part of the Track and Trace requirements of the Ministry of Health.

I want to encourage all our 'Distance Learning' families to seek any support you require with your learning programmes. All our teachers are continuing the distance learning and available to support you. Please email your teacher if you have any queries or would like any additional support.



ANZAC DAY

For all the Australians and New Zealanders who sacrificed their lives during WWI and all in conflicts since:

*They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn;
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,
We will remember them.*

CONGRATULATIONS to our school community for ANZAC Tributes:

- Willie Cuthers (Parent of Eli, Antonia and Kele) - ANZAC Documentary <https://www.rnz.co.nz/programmes/coastwatchers/story/2018742015/meet-the-coastwatchers-operation-pacific-production-team>
- Feana Tu'akoi (Leader of Learning LC1) - what a treat to watch 'our real author' read her book - *Lest we Forget*
- Malcolm Barr (Parent of Lizzie and Katie) - Arranged a NZ Virtual Brass Band and Choir with 134 NZers performing *Abide with Me*



CONDOLENCES - Savage Family

Our prayers and thoughts are with Andrea Savage and her family as they mourn the loss of a much loved mother, Pat Savage. Andrea is our Pastoral Worker at the Cathedral, and a long standing member of our Board of Trustees. May they feel God's love and support at this time.

CONGRATULATIONS to our wonderful staff

To celebrate moving to Level Three and a way to acknowledge and thank our fantastic families for your support the staff put together the video, 'Can't stop the feeling...' check it out on Facebook. Thank you to Mrs Anderson, Mrs Higby and Miss Goodwin for organising this and for your outstanding editing

WHAT A DELIGHT to return to school and see our beautiful flower and vegetable gardens. They had been



lovingly watered and cared for during 'Lockdown' by a number of our staff and families who live locally. Thank you to each one of you. Thank you to 'Miss Pip' for working with our students in LC3 to plant these gardens



Do you need help?

We understand and appreciate that the lockdown has been a difficult time for families with the loss of employment for some people.

If you now find yourself in this situation and need support with food, please contact Tricia Robinson trobinson@marian.school.nz our Family Support Worker who is a member of staff.

The Hamilton App (which can be downloaded for free) also has a link to support people at this time. The link found on the App is *-how to help you-* -food parcels, mental health support, prepared meals, and collections services.

Please just ask if you need support.

God Bless,

Marian School Welfare Team

Sausage Sizzle this week

Sorry – there will be no Sausage Sizzles during Covid level 3.

As I close this newsletter, I thank each of our families for the work you are doing in your bubbles and for keeping your families safe. I am pleased we are experiencing success with managing this COVID-19 pandemic and are moving in the right direction. I look forward to being able to work with you all in the near future.

In the meantime, stay safe, keep well and God's blessings on you all.

Ngā mihi nui

Debra White

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