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*Haere mai me tou ake ahua*

## A Special Notice

3 March 2020

Our value of the term so far has been RESPECT.  
Being hygienic is one of the ways we show mana  
respect to others.

We can link our hygiene to and with our right to feel  
safe at school.

It is everybody's job to make sure our peers and those  
who attend our school, feel safe at St Joseph's Otahuhu.

### COVID-19 (novel coronavirus):

#### Update for St Joseph's Otahuhu Whānau.

Kia ora whānau,

During the weekend there has been much media coverage on this topic. You may be wondering what St Joseph's School is doing to plan and prepare for an event like this.

The Ministries of Education and Health have been providing excellent communications to school principals on this issue for the last few weeks.

#### Here is the current advice to us all:

Everybody should follow these basic principles to reduce the risk of getting an acute respiratory infection (of any kind) or passing it on to others:

- regularly washing hands (for at least 20 seconds with warm water and soap and dry thoroughly)
- covering your mouth and nose when you sneeze
- staying home if you are sick.
- avoiding close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms.
- if you feel unwell you should avoid public gatherings and events.

Here are two links for those who wish to read more.

Ministry of Education

[\[http://www.education.govt.nz/.../novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov/](http://www.education.govt.nz/.../novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov/)

Ministry of Health

[\[https://www.health.govt.nz/.../dis.../covid-19-novel-coronavirus\]](https://www.health.govt.nz/.../dis.../covid-19-novel-coronavirus)

#### An exciting announcement:

**Ms Amy Angus, our Room 8 teacher, is going to have a baby in August!**

**As a caring community let us all work together in teaching our tamariki how to keep themselves and others safe by taking precautions against spreading germs.**

*Blessings, Mrs Mill*