

Kia Ora te Whānau,

Thank you for joining us in our Welcome back to Term 2 Mass on Wednesday. If you did perhaps miss the Mass, it is still online for a few more days at this link <https://catholicmass.org.nz/> and you are welcome to watch it.

**As Mercy people at St Joseph's School, we are all called to serve.**

During Alert Level 3 Lock down, our staff are happy to serve with LOVE and thanks, the families who are working away from home, we will do this by caring for their children.

As I said in my Wednesday email, we are planning how to manage our St Joseph's Bubbles at our physical site during Alert Level 3.

PLEASE remember that we will **NOT** be providing a different programme at school. It will be **the same** Distance/ Remote Home Learning that you have received, including School TV and the Ministry of Education Packs which the children would bring from home each day.

We are hoping to work on a ratio of 2 adults to 8 children. This is so there is always one adult available for emergency toilet breaks, cleaning hard surfaces and minding and supporting the children at all times. This will also allow one adult at a time to take their legal breaks. If student numbers are larger, we will use the ratio of one adult to 9 children.

We are asking whānau, if you CAN STAY AT HOME please do, and keep your Bubble together at home. This is our safest way to beat this virus.

If you **NEED** to work away from home, and there is **no caregiver available** to look after your children at home while you work, you will be asked to advise me by **FRIDAY 24th April**. We will send another email tomorrow and also phone families to gather this information.

I will create a Level 3 Bubble Roll over the weekend so that I can arrange with the staff who will be allocated a SJO Bubble, to meet me and prepare for this on Tuesday.

We will advise you then of who your child(ren)'s Bubble is so that they may attend school on Wednesday 29th April.

**They MUST be allocated to a Bubble ON TUESDAY BEFORE coming to school on Wednesday. We cannot accept children arriving without notice on Wednesday.**

For this first day of Level 3 School, the families of those children will be given strict instructions of the time they are expected to arrive at their entry gate.

Each Bubble will be allocated different entries and exits and times to arrive and leave the school site. No adults (who are not part of our staff or human resource), will be allowed to come onto the school site where our school Bubbles will be, *unless there is an emergency*.

If you need to enrol your children for certain days, or part days (if you are shift workers with no other caregiver available at home), we will need a detailed time table or roster so that we can keep your child's place in their Bubble ready. All siblings will be in the same SJO Bubble. We will only accommodate children in their Bubbles during regular school hours. This will be shared and discussed in detail with those enrolled in the Level 3 Roll.

**As Mercy people at St Joseph's School,  
we are all called to serve ... and we do so with aroha.**

God bless you all and keep safe in your Bubble at home,

Michele Mill, Tumuaki

**Michele Mill  
Principal**

