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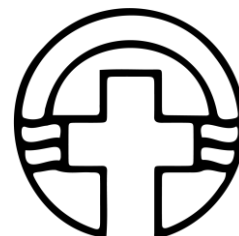
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NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 17th November, 2021

Talofa Lava, Malo e lelei, Kia Ora and Greetings,

I'd like to begin by acknowledging the courage, strength and faith that you have shown as a family over these challenging times during lockdown. We understand the situation and circumstances have certainly provided uncertainty around the operation, logistics and opening of schools prior to your child returning, however, we have put in place steps and measures to support a safe return for your child and provide a learning environment that is responsive to the needs of our learners.

SCHOOL RETURN OPERATION

Drop off times

- To support us with the morning drop offs, it is preferable that students please be dropped off between 8:30am and 8:50am and must go straight to their designated learning space.
- Please drive into the carpark, drop off your child and then proceed to the far gate to exit the car park. Please do the same for pick up. We will send families out at a time once you arrive.

Entry & Exit

- All students that have confirmed a return will be able to return to school on Wednesday 17th November ***under normal school hours.***
- On arrival, students from Year 4-8 will now need to wear a face covering and enter through the green space at the beginning of the day. Year 0-3 will also enter in from the same side.
- Students will be met by staff to ensure that hands are sanitized before entering the learning spaces
- At the conclusion of the day, students will assemble into the following groups. (Students who walk home and students who go by vehicle) this will help ease congestion and to ensure that students leave in a safe manner.

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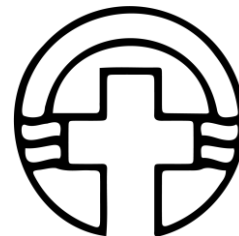
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Break Times

We will stage our break times in two groups

- Year 0-3 will have morning tea from **10:00-10:20am** and lunch from **12:00 - 12:40pm** • Year 4-8 will have morning tea from **10:30-10:50am** and lunch from **12:50 -1:30pm** • Wet lunch will be indoors.

School Lunches

- School lunches have been organised and will be distributed under normal conditions where students will eat in their allocated spaces.
- Each child must bring their own drink bottle to use for the day as our drinking fountains are not in use.

Allocated Learning Spaces

- Year 0-3 will be in Takaritia 1,2 & 3 (We have a total of 20 students expected in this space)
- Year 4's will be in TWP 8 with Mr Gaffney (We have a total of 10 students in this space)
- Year 5 & 6's will be in TWP 4,5 & 6 with Miss Nees-Kairua (We have a total of 21 students expected in this space)
- Year 7 & 8 will relocate to our Library & Green Space (We have a total of 12 students expected in this space)
- All students will be spaced 2m apart from each other and fall in line with health recommendations.

Learning

- The delivery of learning will now shift away from a distance learning focus to a now face to face approach.
- Staff will offer support to our students who are still at home and will be expected to tune in via a google meet at an organised time for a specific lesson. Your teacher will contact you directly to give out a schedule of times.

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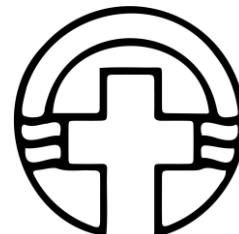
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Sick Students

- Please note that any students who show any form of symptoms of illness will be asked to go home. You will be contacted and a family member will need to be available to collect your child.

Staff Vaccination Status

- All staff have been vaccinated as part of the mandate issued by the Government.

After School Care

- Due to the current level of the Lockdown, SKIDS After School Care program is unable to operate in these conditions. Please ensure that you make alternative arrangements.

Property clean

- Our cleaners will conduct their deep hygienic clean service (with all medical grade disinfectants) in all learning spaces and bathrooms on a daily basis.

Prizegiving

- Due to the current restrictions, we will not be hosting our annual End of Year Prizegiving. Like many of you, we are disappointed not to be able to celebrate the success of our students and share this moment with you.

We understand that this is not going to be an easy time for everyone and your patience and support is appreciated, but please be assured that our systems and processes are in place to support your child over this next period.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us by emailing through to office@saintpiusx.school.nz

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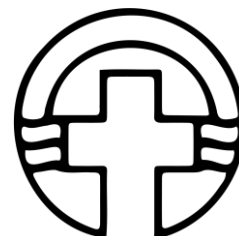
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Key Dates 2021

Week 5

- Wednesday 17th - Friday 19th November - **School Open (8:30-2:45pm)**

Week 6

- Monday 22nd - Thursday 25th November - **School Open (8:30-2:45pm)**
- Friday 26th November - **Teacher Only Day - School Closed**

Week 7

- Monday 29th - Thursday 2nd December - **School Open (8:30-2:45pm)**
- Friday 3rd December - **Teacher Only Day - School Closed**

Week 8

- **Monday 6th- 9th December - School Open • Friday 10th December - Last Day of School (School Closes at 12:30pm)**

Yours Faithfully,

Mr Andrew Mailei

Principal