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Kia ora Parents and Caregivers

Tonight our Prime Minister advised that New Zealand will be heading into Covid 19 Level 4 Lockdown Restrictions. At this stage Taranaki will be at Level 4 until 11.59 on Friday night. Auckland and the Coromandel will remain at Alert Level 4 for seven days.

St Joseph's School will be closed for the duration of this lockdown. The site is not to be accessed, including the grounds.

Due to the very short notice of this lockdown we were not in a position to give out prepared home learning packs or devices. Our Leadership Team have decided to see how the next three days develop before we take any further action re Home Learning. In the meantime, keep lots of reading going and play heaps of games and enjoy some time together. Follow and encourage your children's own interests. Get the Lego out, build some inside huts with all of your blankets, look through and discuss old photos, cook together and play some games in the backyard. You will all have heaps of amazing ideas.

If the lockdown is to continue, we will be in touch later in the week with some home learning activities and a class Zoom schedule etc for next week.

We will send out a survey tomorrow for families who may require devices if the lockdown is extended. This will help us to prepare for distribution of devices in the future.

Communication is best sent through the admin and principal email.

admin@stjosephsnp.school.nz, principal@stjosephsnp.school.nz. If it is apparent that we will continue with a longer lockdown, we will set up teacher email communications and our Zoom classroom sessions – more info to come if this is the case. Make sure you have access to our school app as this is where we will provide updates.

Other key info:

- *OSCAR is closed – no care is available while we are at Alert Level 4.*
- *The Structured Literacy Information Sessions for parents planned for tomorrow are cancelled.*

Mike Dowd
Principal