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Tēnā Koutou St Joseph's NP Whānau

A little update for you all:

Please remember that your children's well-being is the most important part of any lockdown and you as parents will model this with your words and actions. Be positive and upbeat so that your children feel safe and secure.

It is very important that parents take a breath and look after themselves as well. Take a walk with or without your children so that you have some reflection and relaxation.

Our St Joseph's NP teachers have been meeting on line over the last two days to finalise home learning for next week, should it be required. Parents will receive information on Sunday afternoon from me regarding our home learning program and further information from classroom teachers on Monday morning, if we have an extended period of lockdown. Like last year we will have some class Zoom sessions and a PDF grid with lots of learning suggestions and home learning activities. You will all know your children and how learning at home works for your children. You can pick and choose activities with your children and make them work for you and your family across the day and week.

Some of you have to work from home, and have NCEA children who are getting prepared for exams. You need to prioritise what works for you and as a school we will support this. We have received encouraging news from the Ministry of Education today that we may be able to enter the school to access home learning packs and devices for families in the coming days if the lockdown is extended. We will keep you up to date with any information regarding the home learning packs and devices as soon as we know more. If your children will need a device from school click the following link, if you have not yet done so. <https://forms.gle/eHUn1ZSPbXNWcHpi7>

Although we don't know what the outcome will be regarding Covid Level changes, be assured that we are very well prepared for this lockdown and for any return to school. We are working hard behind the scenes.

Use the next few days as a bonus for family time and relaxation and we will move forward confidently into whatever the eventuality will be with announcements made on Friday.

God Bless

Mike Dowd
Principal