



**St. Joseph's Catholic School
Opotiki**

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Dear Parents and Whanau

Our first week of school 'post shut down' is almost over and it is great to have some form of normality back again. In all my years here at St Joseph's I have never heard as much noise, laughter, or seen such excited faces as I did on Monday morning! Our kids who are so practical and resilient were definitely happy to be back.

Thank you parents for the way in which you have instilled in them the need for good hygiene and sensible practices during this very uncertain time.

As you are aware we are still at Level 2 which means Covid-19 is contained but the risk of community transmission remains. Our school is complying with all Ministry of Health requirements. Toilets are cleaned and checked regularly, desks are cleaned daily and sanitiser is applied before the children enter/leave the classroom. The importance of the washing of hands with soap is reinforced regularly throughout the day. Social distancing in the playground is another matter – kids will be kids!!

I would like to **thank all the teachers** for the way in which they have kept in contact with you during this Lockdown – they have worked hard and have certainly had your children’s best interests at heart.

On Monday we **welcomed** the following new students – Cole and Emma MacDonald who have returned from Papamoa, Indie and Meila Redpath, Khloe Park, Sapphire and Cruise Cameron.

If you are driving into Grey Street and turn by the end of the Hall you will see a large slab of concrete which has been put down for the Dental Caravan.

Fruit in Schools – our first delivery for Fruit in Schools will be the week of 2 June.

Healthy Lunches for Schools – The Government has set aside a large sum of money for a Free and Healthy School Lunches Programme and the Ministry of Education is exploring ways to deliver a free healthy daily school lunch to Year 1 – 8 students. Twenty six schools are in the Bay of Plenty region and we have been invited to take part. Basically, this means hopefully from the beginning of Term 3 all Schools in Opotiki will receive free lunches!! I will keep you informed as to any developments regarding this programme. At present schools are asked to contact businesses who would be interested in placing a tender relating to the above.

All Inter School Sporting events for the remainder of the term plus the **Delamere Cup** have been cancelled.

Student of the Week

2 March 2020

Savanah Hustler, Billy Ashford, Kevin Lin, MacyFaye Hustler, Nivahn Wright, Lennox Bryan, Marlin Brown, William Jones, Anwen Brown, Te Raiwa Maki

12 March 2020

Naman Kaur, Kahurangi Gerrard, Khyla-Marie Borell, Riley Carradice, Carnae Marr, Anwen Brown

16 March 2020

Krishen Warnakulasuriya, Sophia Patchett, Eli Woods, Annalise Gebert, Nikau Gloyn, Caitlin Lowe

Once again thank you for your support during the past two months. Stay safe, be kind!

Raewyn Clark
Principal