



St Joseph's Māori Girls' College

*"Every girl preparing for quality of life enhanced
by a Catholic and Maori Boarding School environment."*

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E te whānau-whānui

Tēnā koutou i a tātou kua whakaporeareatia ano e te weriweri nei i a COVID, ā me tino tupato inaianei kia kauā e pā mai tetahi raru i runga i to tātou hāpori i a DELTA.

E o tatou whanau mai Tamaki-makau-rau me Te Whanga nui-ā-Tara ngā mihi nunui ki a koutou.

The last three days have been very busy but very satisfying. Whilst day girls have communicated on-line, boarders have had individual hard-copies, emailed photo-copied, collated and distributed period by period. Staff are now rostered and permitted to enter the property, collect work and prepare for next week. All this under very strict guidelines as we have no classes today, they are on 'school side' only – the process will take all day as they cannot have contact with other colleagues and must not infringe on 'our bubble'. Two more school staff have been 'cleared' to join the 'bubble'. – Ka rahi tenei – 'less is best'.

The packaging of Devices and the distribution to Day-students will be carried out by staff – again these activities come with clear protocols that will be strictly adhered to. Most day-girls have requested hard-packs these along with devices will be delivered on Sunday.

TEACHING WILL BE VIRTUAL FROM MONDAY FOR BOTH BOARDERS AND DAY-GIRLS.

The timetable for next week has been completed and technology for 14 classrooms has been installed, checked and ready for use.

May I once again, thank whānau particularly of our junior and intermediate schools for supporting our decision to keep them here over lockdown. Two days, or two months every day of teaching is a bonus in this prevailing climate of now DELTA. THE PRIORITY MUST ALWAYS BE YOUR DAUGHTER'S SAFETY, THEIR HEALTH AND WELL-BEING THAT WE KNOW YOU CAN PROVIDE AT HOME. However, the reality of providing for them educationally during last year's lockdown was our responsibility and for us despite all the rhetoric (out there) DISTANCE LEARNING FOR OUR STUDENTS WAS LITTLE SHORT OF DISASTROUS (For many reasons and I do not need to elaborate, suffice to say part of it is because we are who we are, Māori!!) Last year we were able to 'catch up' for all Seniors (N.C.E.A and U.E.) by bringing them back into Hostel earlier and applying simple Kanohi-ki-te-kanohi pedagogy to which they respond to well. As for our juniors we are still playing catch up – we can't keep on blaming covid – the fact remains all focus was on Senior School (nationally), and the delivery of Junior Curriculum was haphazard. Such is our concern with the alarming state of Māori Education that 3 weeks ago we emailed the Minister responsible for Māori Education alerting him to 3 issues, one of which was 'absenteeism', another 'the dumbing down' of Māori and the first point – Literacy including the upskilling of Critical thinking skills. The Ministry was referred to me – I'm still waiting to find out who that is. (The Minister for Māori Education is also the Minister of Oranga Tamariki and Minister of/for Corrections so one can only surmise that these two organisations take priority.)

Having all Boarders on-site means we can manage better our 'localized day-students' most of whom as mentioned earlier request 'hard packs'.

We are fortunate we do have the choice of a HOSTEL – Kei te aroha atu ki te Tahūhū – they do not have the luxury of an alternative. As I pen this newsletter – I hear Year 13 Day-students and the one on leave – your friends are working hard and expect your co-operation. Lessons are virtual!

WE WILL KEEP OUR HOSTEL BUBBLE SAFE by strict adherence to rules, regulations and requirements.

Parents please remember there are no visitors to the College during Level 4 Lockdown.

Heoi whānau of boarders let these visuals tell their own story. (Glen your daughter wants to come home but only to see her dog. (send a photo?))

Nāku noa

Georgina Kingi

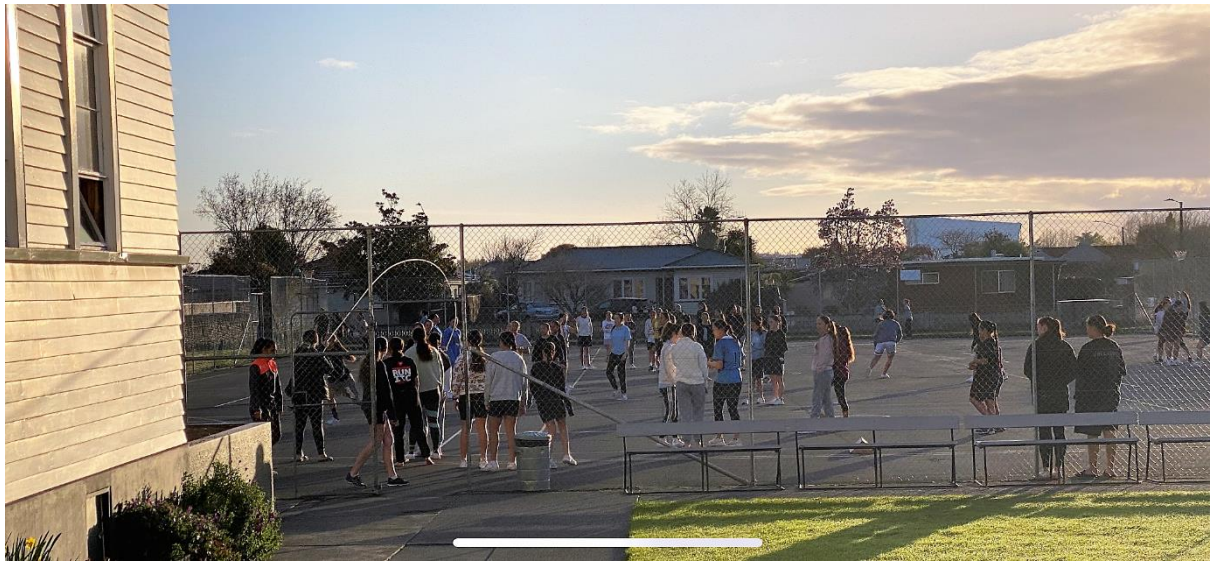
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LAST WEEK



NEXT WEEK





WE ARE FINE !!! WE JUST OFF TO THE GYM FOR SATURDAY QUIZ TIME



LAST WEEK'S MENU

We have been working on our kitchen and menu delivery for a while and the girls say we have got it right now. May it continue.....

This week's menu:

| Monday LUNCH | Tuesday LUNCH | Wednesday LUNCH | Thursday LUNCH | Friday LUNCH |
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| Roast Lamb rolls & gravy Yoghurt Fruit | Beef stew | Bacon & Egg pie Seafood Pasta salad Green salad School biscuits Fruit | BBQ meat patties Potato salad Green salad Yoghurt Fruit | <u>Home made</u> Pizza & fries Yoghurt Fruit |
| DINNER | DINNER | DINNER | DINNER | DINNER |
| Lamb chops & gravy Mixed veges Roast Potatoes Roast Kumara | Chicken Mash Peas Stuffing & gravy | Cottage Pie Peas Fruit Sponge Custard & cream | Crumb Lemon Pepper fish Mashed Potato <u>Broccoli cauliflower,</u> carrots in white sauce | Pork chowmein <u>Pork fried rice</u> |
| | | | DESSERT | DESSERT |
| | | | Black Doris crumble w custard & cream | Bread & Butter pudding |

Including: Morning/afternoon tea & Supper