

Unite  
against  
COVID-19

# Newsletter



Tuesday, 12 May 2020

*Kia ora koutou,*

Yesterday the Prime Minister announced that New Zealand will move into Alert Level 2 from 11.59pm on Wednesday 13 May.

Our Prime Minister has emphasised that, with so few cases in New Zealand, schools and early learning services are safe environments for children, young people and staff. Additional public health control measures are in place in our school to prevent the spread of disease and to support contact tracing.

We will collect information about who is in our school, so public health can contact people quickly if needed. To help us with contract tracing, I remind everyone that every visitor to our school must complete the **Visitor Register**, including a contact phone number and address.

## School reopens for all year levels on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May

Our school will be ready for all students to return on Monday 18 May. I can confidently reassure all parents and caregivers that we are well prepared and resourced to abide by the Public Health Expectations for Level 2.

Staff, parents, and children may well be anxious about returning, and that is something I know we will manage kindly – Wellbeing is our first priority in planning for children's return and we are looking at how we can help your child / children with their return to school.

Teachers have been meeting and planning how learning will look when we re-start. Serious consideration and planning are going into Year 11-13 and we are awaiting further advice from NZQA, as this is of national interest.

Remote learning will still be available for those unable to attend school due to self-isolation, or because of potential contact with Covid-19. If this is the case, please ring and advise our lovely team at reception or send an email to [admin@jchs.school.nz](mailto:admin@jchs.school.nz).

If our school has a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19, we must close for 72 hours, to allow contact tracing, and then potentially for a further 14 days if required.

The same public health messages continue to apply to all schools; keep children at home if they are even slightly sick, and good hygiene such as hand washing are very important.

Where possible physical distancing is a good precaution. The government, however, knows it is near impossible in schools. So, staying home if sick, good hygiene practices and regular cleaning become even more important here.

# Ministry of Education Device Delivery

I acknowledge that there has been an array of issues with respect to the Ministry of Education's efforts to deliver (via Courier) laptops to every Year 11-13 student, as a result of our efforts to phone every household at the beginning of Level 4. As a school these issues have been out of our hands. We have tried our best to support the learning of your children and we thank all of you who have communicated with us during this time.

Our fellow schools have also experienced the same issues and there has been a great deal of media coverage on this matter.

As we are very sensitive to the fact that many of our students did not receive devices before the Level 2 announcement, our key focus in the next two weeks is about reassuring your child and doing the best we can for them, moving forward.

I am planning a school community hui / fono in the next coming weeks to enable whanau to participate in a discussion forum to review our experiences during the COVID time. More information is to follow. I would really value your presence.

## Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May: Yr 11 - 13 device return opportunity

This Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> May, I invite our Year 11, 12 and 13 students who have borrowed a JCHS device, or received a Ministry of Education device, to come into school to return it. This will give us a head start to rebuild the class sets of devices needed for our students' use when the full school returns next week.

- Students should come in between 10.30am – 2.00pm.
- Please sign in at the Restorative Room window, via gate 2.
- Go to the LCR, where staff will be waiting for you.

Before you come, if you know how, please "dump" your data and work to OneDrive, so that it is retrievable at school.



**All students who return their device this Friday will go into a raffle draw to win a brand-new laptop (2 prizes per year level).**

After returning the device, you are welcome to visit your teachers in their classrooms/faculty areas to say hello, chat and ask questions.

### Remember

Stay home if sick

*[ring (09) 268 3950 and leave a message with our attendance person]*

Good hygiene practices are key

Regular cleaning

Arohanui,  
**Maria Coyne**  
Acting Principal