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# School Notice

## Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March



Kia ora and Greetings,

Thank you to all of the whanau and students who called through today to pick up school work or laptops. As well as a huge shout out to our staff members who helped with this.

Photos from today:

1. *At the start*
2. *Then we got busy*



### **Update: MIT**

We have no further information from MIT or Health agencies today.

For the students and whanau involved, please follow the advice our staff gave when they contacted you, which is the same as in our last newsletter.

### **Learning at Home: Workbooks**

Because this is (hopefully) only for a week, and with what we learnt in August last year, we prepared paper-based resources for students in Years 9 to 11.

These resources are completely self-contained, and most students will be able to complete these at home with help from an adult from time to time when they need it.

The Years 9 and 10 (junior) booklets are based on essential learning skills and also count towards credits for the Junior Diploma.

The Year 11 booklets cover three different subjects. Each booklet is NCEA based and works towards credits in NCEA.

These booklets are designed to be about a week's work. If the lockdown is extended we will issue more workbooks next Monday.

Copies of the free student workbooks are now available from several community locations. These will be published on our facebook page and website soon. Thank you to the community-minded retailers who have offered to help.

### **Learning at Home: Laptops**

We are issuing laptops to our Year 12 and 13 students first. This is because of their NCEA workload and the number of laptops we have.

We will be increasing coverage of laptops during the year. For other students in our school.

We know that courses have just started (4 – 6 lessons in) so our guidance to Teachers has been to prioritise helping their students get familiar with working in this way first. Then start teaching programmes.

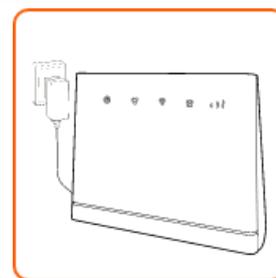
We know that many students find it harder to learn on-line. (*The Herald recently did a feature story on this looking at six students from Rosehill College – this is on our website*). We also learnt a lot as a school from last years' experience.

So, we are asking staff to pace things and support our students to be comfortable and confident in this space – so we can ensure the best possible experience for our students throughout the year.

## Free Internet Access at Home

Please don't just accept that hot-spotting off a phone's data is the only way to get fast reliable internet into your home.

Our school has negotiated a massive deal with Spark and Ciena (a multinational company) to give 150GB a month of free, reliable and wireless high-volume internet access to **ALL** of our whanau homes that don't have internet in their houses.



You don't have to have a student in Years 12 or 13. **ALL** of our students qualify!

And **YES**, the rest of the family can use it too.

One of our 'trial families' last year still use their internet connection to do all sorts of things, including to regularly video-call their grandparents in the Pacific, talking for hours each time, and for free!! (Using free software/apps like Facetime, Messenger or Zoom.)

There is a simple agreement that you sign **BUT** there is no contract, no bills, no giving of credit-card or bank details. And **NO COST**.

You sign up at our school and collect the equipment from our school. We can help you set it up too – but usually your child (our student) can do it all for you.

Please contact the school using a facebook message, phone call (09 268 3958), email ([admin@jchs.school.nz](mailto:admin@jchs.school.nz)), or text (021 336 328) if you want to know more.

## Essential Workers and Those Who Have To Work

**If you have to work and you need your child to be at school** tomorrow or for the rest of this week, **please call or text me on 021 336 328** this evening, tonight or before 7:30am tomorrow morning.

We will have a dedicated staff team (bubble) at school to look after your child/ren and we will be providing masks etc to keep them safe.

Stay well and stay safe. Arohanui,



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