



Sacred Heart School Petone

23 March 2020

Kia ora Sacred Heart Petone Families,

We hope you are all safe and well. We recognise these are stressful times for us all.

We would like to urge everyone to keep up to date with messages from Sacred Heart Petone. All communication from school will be sent via website, Linc-ED email and our school app. There will also be a voice message left on our school phone. Teachers can be contacted through their school email.

The most important thing for your children is to feel safe and to establish a routine of sorts.

There is no expectation from us for you to homeschool your children.

If you are after some ideas, here are some useful tips:

- **Physical exercise** everyday. For inside, lots on Youtube e.g. gonoodle. For outside, cross country training, bush walks while keeping to the government guidelines
- **Arts & Crafts** - Get creative!
- **RE** - Pray together as a whānau, talk about how you can help one another, RISE values, lots of great bible stories on Youtube e.g. Saddleback Kids.

#### Curriculum Ideas

- *Reading:* Consider reading to, reading with, reading by. A guide is about 20 minutes a day. Some useful websites/apps:
  - Khan Kids App (free, lots of sound activities, online books, logic and maths games) <https://learn.khanacademy.org/khan-academy-kids/>
  - <https://www.storylineonline.net/library/>
  - <https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/>
- *Writing:* Some children have their writing books, journals or scrapbooks in their book bags. Some senior classes have their spelling books too. Kakapo have their Google Doc accounts to write and share. Seniors can log on to Google classrooms for work posted by their teachers.
- *Maths:* Maths is all around you too! e.g. baking, card games, dice games, making patterns, making a basic facts poster, adding and working with money. There are also these useful websites/apps:
  - IXL Maths
  - Study Ladder
  - Khan Kids App (free, lots of sound activities, online books, logic and maths games) <https://learn.khanacademy.org/khan-academy-kids/>
  - Maths Blaster

Please take care, we do not want to add any extra stress so this is totally at your own discretion. Mental wellbeing for everyone is the priority.

God Bless. Ngā mihi,