

Connecting and Thinking of Others in Difficult Times

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Message from the Principal

Dear all

I hope this letter finds you well and safe within your bubbles. As a community, you have all done exceptionally well and we are proud of what has been achieved since the beginning of the lockdown. At the online Staff-Briefing this morning, we discussed how out of situations and challenges such as these comes 'Opportunities' and many of you are grabbing these and making the most of them. The best term for one of these opportunities is 'Student Voice' and it is fantastic seeing how many of you have embraced these.

I would like to acknowledge the leadership of the Prefects as they put together a message that I would encourage you all to have a look at if you are yet to do so - <u>Prefects Video</u>

Next week we enter a new phase of our Lockdown as directed by the Government. Please note the following:

1. Tuesday is a Staff Only Day. Therefore there is **No Teaching.** Classes (Remote Learning) will resume on Wednesday 29th April. **Please note that this Day 3.**

2. Tomorrow is Anzac Day and the Prefects have put forward a video - (please click on this link - <u>Prefects Anzac Day Video</u>).

Below is their message -

Hey school!

As we're sure you're all aware, ANZAC day is this Saturday. If we were at school we would have been commemorating the day with an assembly - but seeing as we're not able to do that, we, the Prefect team would like to encourage people to participate from their bubbles!

There's a national event called Stand at Dawn - run by the RSA and the New Zealand Defense Force where people across the country stand for a minutes silence outside their houses at 6am.

The Prefect team will all be taking part, and we would like to encourage all of you to do the same. Now more than ever is it important for us to remember the sacrifices that have been made so that we can live in the world we do today.

If you do take part, we also encourage you to take a photo of yourself participating (preferably in school uniform) and send it to one of the prefects, so we can put it into one large video to show the schools commemoration of the event.

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We hope you're all safe with your bubbles, and we look forward to seeing the photos of you all Standing at Dawn!

Michael, Jhoemeela and Anais

I hope you have all had the chance to view the Prefects video that highlights what they are all thankful for. Ms. Smith and the House Captains are making inroads with our Inaugural House Competition Music Video. There are lots of reasons to be thankful, and I know that I am looking forward to seeing you all when we return. However, I need you all to continue to do your best and try to the very best of your abilities. I have often referred to the word 'Resilience' but just as importantly, right now we need you (the students) to be self-managers and take responsibility for your learning. I know my teaching staff are doing their very best to support you. Please support them in return.





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TERM DATES

TERM 2	WEDNESDAY, 15 APRIL TO FRIDAY, 3 JULY
TERM 3	MONDAY, 20 JULY TO FRIDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER
TERM 4	MONDAY, 12 OCTOBER TO WEDNESDAY, 9 DECEMBER



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