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Tēnā koutou e te whānau,

As we are in our second week of distance learning I would like to extend a huge thank you to you for your continued support in this forever changing environment.

We appreciate your ongoing communication with your child/ren's teacher and our wonderful support staff. It has been amazing to have our tamariki share their learning with us all.

On Wednesday 1st September we will move into Alert Level 3. Thank you for responding to our recent Signmee request to enable us to plan ahead for Level 3 in our kura.

"Work and learn from home if you can" was the message from the Prime Minister. The need for all New Zealanders to continue to fight COVID-19. Our teachers and support staff are dealing with all of the same challenges you are, whether it be their own vulnerable status, at-risk family members or the need to care for dependents at home. We really appreciate your ongoing support and positive feedback you have given to all the staff throughout Level 4.

The important thing to note is that Our Lady of the Rosary School, under Alert Level 3, will not return to normal schooling as we have limited staff available.

Please note at Alert Level 3 all Before and After School programmes are CLOSED, therefore our AboutKidz OSCAR is not available.

What Level 3 Learning at OLR school will look like?

We will have **3 classroom bubbles**. The 3 bubbles will be organised in multi-level class groups (a range of ages and year levels) with siblings kept together. Bubbles will remain as 10 until further notice.

Bubble 1: Karolina Surynt-Tapiki and Katrina Vis

Bubble 2: Sophie Lawson and Judy Lawson

Bubble 3: Raewyn Roberts and Cathy Hegarty (Friday) and Elaine Fox

Teacher Aide until 1pm.

Classes will be grouped in 'bubbles' of ten.

Break times will be staggered to limit contact with other 'bubbles' within our kura.

Tamariki will be assigned seating areas within the classroom.

Each 'bubble' will be assigned separate toilet facilities.

The school playground will remain closed.

Tamariki who are at school in Level 3, will continue to connect with their own teacher and class through the online platform.

Rūma Rua tamariki: Tamariki from Room 2 will have a teacher assigned to them from within the Syndicate (Jacqui Brown or Emily Radka) to communicate with them while Sophie is in Level 3 in the classroom. Sophie will continue to assign the seesaw tasks and hold her classroom zoom sessions but will not be accessible to respond to the seesaw posts and emails.

The Health and Safety of tamariki and staff who are at school in Level 3 will be a priority and we will ensure we enforce strict Health and Safety processes based on the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health guidelines.

The Ministry of Education is currently waiting for the Health Order to be finalised.-We will let you know of any changes to our current Level 3 guidelines as soon as we are informed.

Whānau with tamariki coming to school at Level 3 will receive an email tomorrow with further information on the Health and Safety guidelines for entering school and information regarding your tamariki's bubble.

For all tamariki remaining at home, our current distance learning programmes will continue to operate across all year levels.

Take care and stay safe.

Nga mihi nui,

Karolina Surynt-Tapiki
Principal