

COVID 19 Update

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau

School will continue to be **OPEN** as normal this week. We are receiving daily updates from both the Ministries of Health and Education in this rapidly evolving situation. School will close if and when, we are directed to do so.

We are doing our best to protect the health of our students and staff at this time.

Hygiene

We are continuing with our up scaled hygiene regime, with an ongoing strong focus on hand cleanliness. Our students have three options for handwashing; soap and water in the toilets, soap and water in the classroom and hand sanitizer in the classroom.

Student, Parent, Teacher Conferences in Week 9

These are cancelled. We will look to hold Conferences at a later date to be confirmed.

School Sports

You will be aware that most school sports have been cancelled due to the impact of the virus (touch, basketball, cricket, canoe polo and futsal at this point) Staff are ensuring that they include extra physical education activities in their daily programmes, to support students' physicality. We extend a sincere THANK YOU to all team coaches, managers and parents who have supported our students in their sports endeavours during the term.

Students Drink Bottles

To support our current hygiene regime, we ask that you send your child to school with their own clearly named drink bottle each day.

School Trips

You may be aware that we have cancelled several of our upcoming planned school trips into the community (this also includes Tech Arts at Havelock North Intermediate for our Year 7/8 students)

Visitors

Regular visitors into the school have been asked to postpone their visits for the time being. Our focus is on essential contacts only at this time.

We ask of you the following;

1. Unless absolutely necessary, please do not come into Classrooms, the School Office or Sick Bay areas - your requests can be emailed into the Office. (office@stmaryshastings.school.nz) and payments can be made online.
2. If your child has a runny nose, sore throat, cough, temperature or is unwell, do not send them to school.
3. If your child arrives at school unwell, you will be contacted immediately, to take them home.

Thank you all for your ongoing support in this challenging environment.

Elizabeth Crowley
Principal