

## Marist School Community Update 18.08.21

Kia ora tatou,

Hopefully you have been able to find some down time in the craziness of this sudden lockdown. Going hard and fast, in my opinion, is the right thing to do as we focus on being other centred and not self centred. You would have heard the PM's announcement that they are expecting more cases so this lockdown is for everyone's health and safety.

Remember every day is a gift and we can but live it the best that we can. We await any new guidelines from the Ministry of Education around the distribution of devices but for the moment are restricted from entering the school grounds.

You will have heard from your child/children's teachers by now and as always I ask that you are kind--kind to each other and kind to our teachers who are working extremely hard to provide a variety of Home Learning tasks.

I have asked the staff to ensure they look after their own wellbeing and block break times. Also all teachers will turn off their computers and not respond to whanau emails/queries from 1pm on Friday so that they can plan for the following week's learning which will be online by Monday 9am. I know you appreciate all they do so please respect this process. We don't know how long any lockdown will be and we need our staff to stay well.

If your child is sick or unable to take part in home learning, please email the office staff to advise as we still need to report to the Ministry of Education - [absent@marist.school.nz](mailto:absent@marist.school.nz)

Please see below **Catholic Diocese of Auckland's** latest newsletter--lots happening and a **Switch on to Safety** link for whanau.

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/CDA-CONNECT-Issue-6.pdf>

<https://switchonsafety.co.nz/>

As always stay safe, stay well, stay home, be kind.

*Warm wishes,  
Carolynn & the Marist Team*

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