

24 April 2020



Dear Parents/Caregivers and Whānau

The Lockdown period has meant more time to achieve some of the things that we enjoy doing but are challenged to find enough hours in the day. For me, a lot more cooking with new recipes have been tried. Here is one that I recommend and it works!

### **Recipe for a Happy Day**

1 cup of Friendly Words  
2 heaped cups of Understanding  
2 cups of Encouragement and Praise  
3 Tblsp of Prayer and Faith  
2 Tsp of Time and Patience  
Pinch of Personality  
Dash of Humour

Measure words carefully

Add heaped cups of Understanding, Encouragement and Praise

Use generous amounts of Time and Patience

Then cook on a low temperature; do not boil

Add a pinch of Personality

Season with a Spice of Life and drizzle with Prayer and Faith

Serve in moulds

Bon Appetite!

### **Learning Preparation for the Future**

Distance learning has meant for some, greater vulnerability, times of frustration and struggle as each navigates their way beyond the more traditional and passive style learning. This applies to everyone - school leaders, parents, staff and students. The best way to prepare students for the future is to empower them in the present, including disruptions and times of change, such as what we are currently experiencing. Students are going to have to be nimble, creative and self-directed. All of this comes from a place of being empowered. The more self-directed students are, the more likely they are to take creative risks. The more likely they are to increase self-efficacy. Students will initiate things on their own more and become less fearful. An empowered student tends to be more resilient and have more of a growth mindset. They will keep going with any struggle a little bit more and get past it to succeed. We've got to keep going!

### **Remembering ANZAC Day**

ANZAC Day is rich in tradition and ritual for New Zealanders and especially elderly veterans. Our college has always had a strong presence in the public commemoration and parade held in Howick each year. It is unfortunate that this year, we will not be having this presence in the usual way. We will be placing a wreath of remembrance on Stockade Hill when we are able and remembering all those who have lost their lives in the service to their country. We give thanks for the peace and security we all now enjoy. Every year, our television screens some wonderful war-related history programmes for viewing. I am sure we won't be disappointed in these this year too.

**'They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them'**



**No Distance Learning on Monday 27 April (ANZAC Public Holiday) and Tuesday 28 April (Teacher Only Day)**

Tuesday, 28 April is a Teacher Only Day and our teachers will be using this time to meet virtually to prepare engaging learning material for the online programme, which continues to be the primary learning for students at Alert Level 3. This means that no conferences will be taking place during the 9-11.30 am slot. However, students can continue with their online learning programme and/or spend this time completing work and catching up on any tasks they have been unable to finish the previous week. Online lessons with staff will resume at 9 am on Wednesday 29 April.

**Key Dates**

**Monday 27 April:** ANZAC Day observed (public holiday)

**Tuesday 28 April:** Teacher Only Day (No student/Teacher conferencing)

**Wednesday 29 April:** At home distance learning continues for all students except for a very small group of students who need to attend school due to their parents being essential workers. School re-opens physically for registered students only.

**Alert Level 3**

**If your circumstances change and you must return back to work as an essential worker in Alert Level 3, we ask that you give the school 48 hours notice so we can place your child in a safe learning bubble.** Please email [admin@sanctamaria.school.nz](mailto:admin@sanctamaria.school.nz) if you are an essential worker needing to have your child cared for whilst you return back to work.

Students who will be at school to learn on Wednesday will be receiving specific guidelines over the weekend.

Thank you for your support, co-operation and understanding during the period of the Lockdown so far.

With Blessings

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'L. J. Moore'.

**Louise Moore**  
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