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Tēna koutou katoa

We have a few important messages for you. Please take the time to read through.

We have noticed an increase in children coming for extra **food** at lunch time. We are always happy to help but wanted to make you aware of one of the issues we are seeing. It seems to be the children who take responsibility for preparing their own lunches that are not packing enough. If this is your situation can you please check what is being packed and reset the expectation.

If the issue is hardship we totally understand. It is really tough making ends meet. Please either drop me an email (jacquil@stmarys.ac.nz) or come in and talk to me and we can assist with this. This is part of what we do as a faith community.

Thank you for your efforts with our **uniform**. We are looking smart! We want to keep the standard high going forward.

Our Board of Trustees and Senior Management Team are wanting to hear your thoughts on **Homework**. This is an important time to have your voice heard. Why are we wanting to hear from you? Homework is one of those areas that is hard to suit all different scenarios. Some families prefer not to have homework due to busy after school activities. Some families would like more homework. The last thing we want is homework becoming a point of stress at home. We are hoping to reach a middle ground.

Please take a few minutes to fill out the survey.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe44XP7-ffmB0TMLK0ZJH5nGoomIqYYfTIVc5w1VcQdiZYiVg/viewform>

We need your help...

We have a lot of bugs floating around and they are spreading fast. We currently have a very high staff and student absence. We will keep you informed if we are having difficulty staffing classes.

If your child is unwell with flu/Covid like symptoms please follow your doctors recommendation. If your child vomits or has diarrhoea you are required to keep your child home **48 hours after** all symptoms have stopped.

This is vital to contain the spread of the bugs.

We are being vigilant sanitising and ventilating classrooms to try and stop the spread of germs.

I have included the link to the new Government page regarding when it is safe to send children to school. This is part of the attendance drive to improve attendance.

<https://info.health.nz/pregnancy-children/childhood-conditions/knowning-if-your-child-is-well-enough-to-go-to-school-guidance-for-parents/#when-to-keep-your-child-home-to-get-well,-and-for-how-long>

This link outlines further information regarding infectious diseases.

https://cdn.accentuate.io/5313719009438/11408390422661/HE1215-Infectious-Diseases-A4_2.0_WEB-v1688442112920.pdf

The other issue to be aware of is measles. Our country has an unprecedented low immunisation rate for measles.

<https://www.tewhatuora.govt.nz/for-health-professionals/clinical-guidance/diseases-and-conditions/measles/>

It is really helpful if you could ring and let us know if your child is going to be away. To follow up all absences is a very time consuming job. The easiest way is to use our School App or ring/leave a message on our answer phone.

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< Absentee

Call office

Email

All fields are required.

Student's Full Name

Student's Class or Room No.

Parent's Full Name

Parent's Email Address
example@email.com

Parent's Contact Number
+641234567

Reason
Please provide a clear reason for this absence.

Send