

Jireh Christian School Newsletter



6 May 2020



School at Level 3 😊



Dear parents
We wanted to give you a quick update on how we are doing under Alert Level 3. Our distance learning is working well. While it will certainly have challenges for you at home balancing work and care for your children, we are getting a lot of great feedback too. It is exciting to see the innovation that has been happening and some brilliant videos coming through of what our students, families and whānau have been up to at home. We were also excited to be able to reopen our premises for staff and students onsite last week and look forward to welcoming more of you in person very soon. We also just wanted to provide some reassurance that our school is a safe place for your child to be and safe for our staff too. We have closely followed the [public health measures](#) that have been put in place for Alert Level 3. These were set by the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education to minimise spread in the unlikely event that someone in our community is confirmed with COVID-19. This means our small school bubble is in place, our staff and students are staying 1 metre apart inside and 2 metres outside, our cleaning programme fully aligns with Health guidance, only essential visitors are coming into school and we have sys-

tems in place similar to supermarkets and dairies, to prevent those people from congregating. We have hand sanitiser in classrooms and lots of reminders to students and staff to undertake good hygiene practices such as good cough and sneeze etiquette, and washing hands frequently. Most importantly, the children on site are enjoying being back with their peers, even though it is in quite a different way.

Just to remind you also that COVID-19 is not an illness that impacts heavily on children and young people. An article by Dr Gary Payinda in the [NZ Herald](#) highlights this:

- The young are less likely to get infected, less likely to get seriously ill, and less likely to spread the infection to others.
- When kids are affected, the illness is almost always mild. Luckily, unlike flu or many other infectious diseases, children with Covid are not super-spreaders.
- Covid is not measles or chickenpox; it doesn't hang in the air for hours waiting to infect passers-by. It travels on invisible drops of spit. You don't have to cross the street to avoid anyone. Just avoid getting in their 'moist breath' zone. Make hand hygiene a habit - more than being scared of runners passing by, touching groceries, or standing in queues at the supermarket, we should be afraid of our own hands. You will also be interested to know

there have been no confirmed instances of a person with COVID-19 who never developed symptoms spreading the virus. For more information on how COVID-19 is spread go to the [Ministry of Health website](#).

Staying home if sick, physical distancing, good hand hygiene, not touching your face, good cough/sneeze etiquette and regular cleaning of high-touch surfaces minimises any potential spread of the virus, if we were to have a case in our community. Our school's health and safety system is all set up to ensure this happens.

Please get in touch if you have any questions, including about our health and safety management for children, staff and visitors coming onsite. I will be in touch again once the Prime Minister has informed us about possible Alert Level changes on 11 May.

Be safe and at peace.

Yours in partnership,
Sandra Bosman

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**WHY CHESS?\*** Improve concentration and focus

- \* Develop important life skills – fair play and decision making
- \* Tactical & Strategic thinking
- \* Prepare for Chess Tournaments against other schools
- \* Develop a love of chess, of learning and of thinking

**WHAT HAPPENS IN CHESS POWER COACHING PROGRAM?**

Each session starts with a formal lesson; all players will learn a new strategy, idea or skill each week. Then they put those skills into practice with activities and games. All games are monitored and supervised by the coach who provides

individual feedback along the way. Throughout the program, we reward kids that do well and encourage and support kids that are struggling. At the completion of the program, we recognize each child with a certificate based on their performance.

**CLASS DETAILS** This is 8 weeks chess coaching program running on **Tuesdays** from **12<sup>th</sup> May** till **30<sup>th</sup> June**, **5:15 – 6:15 pm**. The fee will be \$70/student for the term. The sessions will be held using Zoom application. A new full 10-week program will be made available for Term 3.

**TERM 2 COACHING CLASSES**  
In Term 2 **we will provide our coaching services online**. You can find the time frames and dates for your school here <https://www.chesspower.co.nz/register>. We will notify you later this week's login information to your classes. Your child will need a microphone and a device connected to the internet. The class will be offered over Zoom. In many respects, the service we will deliver will be similar to what your child will experience in our in-person classes. Although there may be some changes to personnel, as best we can, your child will have the same Chess Power chess coach. Once schools re-open and it is safe to return to school, we will deliver the remainder of the classes in-person. [Register today!](#)

**QUESTIONS?** Please contact [paul@chesspower.co.nz](mailto:paul@chesspower.co.nz) or phone 021 0271 5577 or visit [www.chesspower.co.nz](http://www.chesspower.co.nz) and click Parents Centre.

**CHESS TOURNAMENTS**  
Cluster tournaments start this week. Visit <https://www.chesspower.co.nz/page/auckland-events> (Online Cluster Tournaments). During the lock-down, cluster tournaments will run every Monday for a group of clusters. The clusters covered in that event is listed in the event details. You can find out which cluster your school is part of by visiting [our clusters school list](#). Cluster tournaments will have online commentary and coaching elements included. Prizes will be shipped to the host school of each cluster for collection. Your school will be invoiced \$10/child for your entry into our cluster events.

*From God, For God  
I Atua, Hoki Atua*

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Please ensure you advise the office of **ANY** changes to your contact details (address, cell phone number, email etc.).

It is vital that we have the correct information to enable us to contact you in the event of an emergency.

## Second-hand uniforms



We have an over abundance of stock and as we go into winter you may like a 'new' polar fleece of which we have quite a few, especially in the smaller sizes. You would need to buy a logo from NZ Uniforms to replace the old one but as the Parents Association only requests \$5 per item, it makes any purchases very affordable!



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