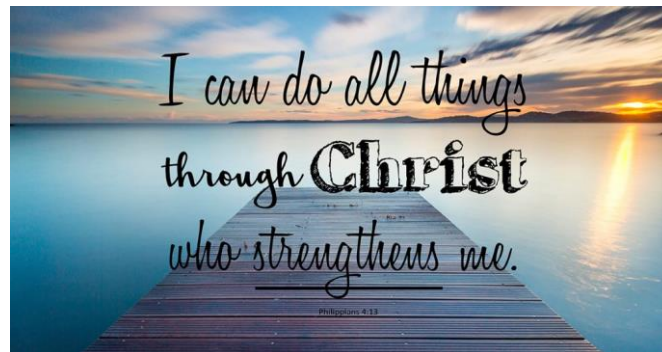


## *St Dominic's College Whānau Pānui* Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023



Kia ora koutou,

### **School closed tomorrow- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

I hope that you have managed to stay dry and safe through the evening. It appears that the worst of the weather is yet to come, so in following the advice from the Auckland Emergency Response team and the recommendation from the Ministry of Education **we will remain closed tomorrow Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February.**

I will confirm tomorrow if the closure will be extended any further.

### **Home Learning**

For those who still have power and internet access, most students should be able to access their online Google Classrooms. Subject teachers have placed learning tasks and instructions for the next day or two. Please be mindful that some of our staff are also experiencing loss of power and internet connectivity.

Earlier today Mr Jellyman sent out some links to various websites that may assist any of our Junior students who are unable to access their school portal. These are suggestions to help keep your daughters engaged in their learning. We are very aware that power outages and loss of internet connection may make it challenging for some families to access any form of online learning. If you are affected in any way please prioritise your families well-being above anything else.

Reading a book, playing cards or a board game are all good ways to pass the time. We have become quite expert at this over this wet Summer.

Here are the website links sent to parents/caregivers of our Junior students in Years 7,8 and 9 this morning.

- *Science*

<https://www.nanogirl.co/kids-zone> Has practical activities with stuff from around house, some PDFs that can be printed, and lots of cool short videos.

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/> lots of funstuff.

- *Maths*

<https://solve.me.edc.org/whoami/> for some number puzzles

<https://solve.me.edc.org/mobiles/> for some algebra type puzzles

<https://www.transum.org/Software/> for all sorts of skills practice, including multiplication tables, and games.

- *Social Studies*

The Social Studies department has a KiwiKids news subscription which will be great for our Junior students.

They can login online by using the below details:

**Student website** - [www.kiwikidsnews.co.nz](http://www.kiwikidsnews.co.nz)

**Username** - doms

**Password** - kidsnews

Once on the website, we recommend working through the following at your own pace:

1. Choose 5 news articles that interest you and read through them. Once you have read through the articles write a short summary of each in your Social Studies book, or on some *spare paper*.
2. Complete the **featured article activity** (this is under the premium banner so you need to make sure you are logged in). Here you can read the featured news article and then complete the **recall questions and thinking questions**.
3. As an extra challenge complete the **weekly news quiz** (also under the premium banner so you need to make sure you are logged in).

There is also this website that has a selection of world geography quizzes -

<https://www.geoguessr.com/seterra/en>

[Seterra Geography - Free Map Quiz Games](#)

The ultimate map quiz site! Seterra will challenge you with quizzes about countries, capitals, flags, oceans, lakes and more! Introduced in 1997 and available in more than 40 different languages, Seterra has helped millions of people study geography and learn about their world.

[www.geoguessr.com](http://www.geoguessr.com)

- *English*

The Google Slide is self-explanatory. Students can work through them and complete the tasks noted. The E-book links for the journal story for students to read are on slide 4

[Changing Lives: The Omeo Story – Google Slide LINK](#)

## Family First

We remain hopeful that we will be back onsite as soon as possible. The above links are provided as a way to keep your daughter engaged in her learning and connected to her school whānau, wherever needed. However, I must emphasise the importance of prioritising your family's health, safety and wellbeing above all else. Once we are back at school later in the week, we will be able to reset learning routines.

## **Key contact numbers/websites for support**

If you require any support please let me know as soon as possible. Alternatively, the following websites and numbers may be helpful at this challenging time.

### **St Vincent de Paul – Vinnies**

Flood Relief Food Support

<https://svdpak.org.nz/>

0800 680 090



**Society of St Vincent de Paul**  
**AUCKLAND**

[Auckland severe weather: What support is available and where can you get help – NEMA.](#) (On this page you can find information in alternative formats: Large print, easy read, audio and Braille.)

[National Emergency Management Agency – Civil Defence](#)

[Auckland Emergency Management | Auckland Emergency Management](#)

[Important Storm Updates: OurAuckland – Auckland Council](#)

[Auckland Emergency Management | Auckland – Facebook](#)

[National Severe Weather Information - MetService](#)

[Emergency preparedness in New Zealand – Get Ready](#)

[What you need to know: How to prepare for an emergency – RNZ News](#)

### **Emergency contact information**

Here are some emergency contact details that may help in the event of Cyclone Gabrielle:

[Major Incidents – Auckland Emergency Management](#)

[National Emergency Management Agency – Civil Defence](#)

### **Ministry of Social Development contact numbers**

Support and assistance may be available if you've been affected by weather events in your region.

#### **Dedicated line for impacted residents**

[0800 400 100](#)

#### **Urgent accommodation assistance**

[0800 22 22 00](#)

#### **Accommodation for those who have COVID-19**

Where people have COVID-19 and must leave their homes and cannot be accommodated with other whānau, the number to call is Health [021 227 4908](#)

*Stay home  
Stay safe  
Stay positive*

Take care and stay safe whānau, and I will be back in touch tomorrow.

Ngā manaakitanga,

Anna Swann