A great deal has happened over the last few days with regards New Zealand’s response to Covid-19.

We are continuing with our core activity of teaching and learning. However, in the spirit of the containment measures announced by our Prime Minister on the weekend and in line with guidelines from the Secretary of Education, Stella Maris will take the following actions. These may at any stage be modified as more instruction or guidelines come from the Ministry of Health or the Ministry of Education.

* Assemblies will not take place.
* School wide liturgies will not take place.
* Our Open Day has been postponed.
* Interschool swimming carnival has been postponed.
* Huruhuru Yr 5 and 6 swimming lessons from April 1 to April 8 has been postponed.
* Stella Stars playgroup who meet on Friday Mornings from 9 -11 am will not take place.  
    
  **It is vital that you are subscribed to “The Beacon” and the “School App” as this is how we will update you. Instructions how to do this were in the school newsletter of February 13 and will be in tomorrow’s newsletter as well.**

We ask that normal health practices be maintained, namely;   
· Sneezing etiquette  
· Washing of hands and other personal hygiene  
· Stay home if unwell and seek medical advice  
· Drink plenty of water  
  
At this challenging time, please ensure that we are aware of relevant situations relating to you and your household, eg, if you and/or anyone in your household has been asked to self-isolate.  
  
We will continue to keep you updated, to be proactive, supportive and calm.   
  
Thank you for your co-operation