



Monday 23 March 2020

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Due to the announcement from the Prime Minister that in 48 hours NZ will be at Alert Level 4, Sacred Heart School will be closed from tomorrow Tuesday 24th March until at least the beginning of Term 2.

We have been preparing for this eventuality and the staff will email you with some links and ideas for your children to do at home.

Please take this Alert level seriously as that will hopefully mean that we can break the chain of transmission and we will be able to return to normal quicker.

Please be kind to each other and your neighbours particularly the elderly and those living alone.

Take care of yourselves and we will hopefully see you at the beginning of Term 2 on April 28th.

God bless

Liz



Pandemic

What if you thought of it
as the Jews consider the Sabbath—
the most sacred of times?
Cease from travel.
Cease from buying and selling.
Give up, just for now,
on trying to make the world
different than it is.
Sing. Pray. Touch only those
to whom you commit your life.
Center down.

And when your body has become still,
reach out with your heart.
Know that we are connected
in ways that are terrifying and beautiful.
(You could hardly deny it now.)

Know that our lives
are in one another's hands.
(Surely, that has come clear.)
Do not reach out your hands.
Reach out your heart.
Reach out your words.
Reach out all the tendrils
of compassion that move, invisibly,
where we cannot touch.

Promise this world your love—
for better or for worse,
in sickness and in health,
so long as we all shall live.

—Lynn Ungar