



Morena koutou

We are gathered this morning as a community to reflect together on the horrific event which took place on Friday in Christchurch

our prayers support and thoughts are with families of the victims as their lives are altered forever in the most awful of ways.

Please stand for a period of silence in memory of those who tragically lost their lives.

thank you be seated

we as a community are profoundly affected -

- some of you will have relatives in chch and
- all of us will have viewed the disturbing and incomprehensible images associated with this event

irrespective of our age or depth of connection to this tragedy

all of us share a

common sense of revulsion and disbelief

we know that whilst all of us are affected

each of us will react in differing ways to what happened

We must support each other ...

I urge you to talk about your feelings with your family your friends
and know that we as a staff & a school are here for you ..

It is important that as far as we are able that the normalcy of our lives continues ..

your lessons sports and music practices & events connect you to others and provide you with that
support network ..

a Maori proverb translated states

-turn your face to the sun and the shadows fall behind you

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In the facing of the sun

As a community we disavow hatred bigotry and violence and
we embrace tolerance love and peace.

We must continue to reinforce the strong and positive bonds that link us as human beings knowing
that those bonds will overcome the evil and negative influences that brought about what occurred
on Friday.

In the coming weeks as a College we will be looking at ways to support the Muslim community and
our brother schools in Christchurch.

Nga mihi nui