

## STUDENT ACTIVITY SHEET 3

### Kristus Raja School needs our help...

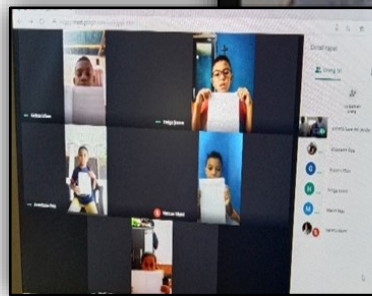
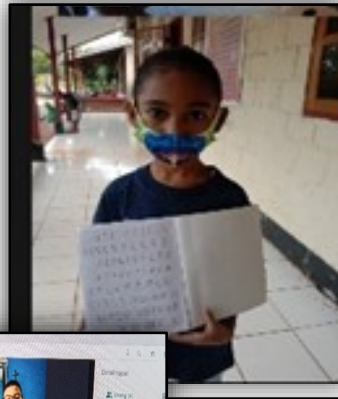
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## THE GLOBAL PANDEMIC

COVID-19 continues to have a huge impact on our world. Many countries are still in lockdown with people staying in their homes. New Zealand has managed well and our experience has generally been quite different to the rest of the world.

Face masks are the new normal...

... and connecting remotely has become far more common and necessary.



Have you been following the impact of the pandemic?

What have you learnt?

## IMPACT IN WEST PAPUA

West Papua is a province in Indonesia. Up until the end of April 2021, more than 1.65 million people throughout Indonesia had contracted COVID-19 (this is equivalent to one third of New Zealand's population).

Within West Papua the numbers were in excess of 20,000. Since early 2020, the leaders of the province required everyone to stay at home to stay protected and safe. This meant that organisations (including schools) in places like Jayapura (where Kristus Raja School is found) have been closed for some time. As we've found in New Zealand during our shorter lockdowns, this can be quite a problem for people in terms of their jobs and income.

How has the pandemic affected you?

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## FOCUS: LEARNING FROM HOME

The school grounds at Kristus Raja School have been very quiet since March 2020.

The leaders of the province moved to protect people from COVID-19 spreading quickly. As a result, students have been learning from home for more than a year.



How did you find learning from home when you couldn't go to school?

Can you imagine having to stay away from school and try to continue your homework for months on end?



Before students were sent home, they were at school and wearing masks during lessons.

Have you had to wear a protective face mask at any time?

What does it feel like?

Some students have access to the Internet and have been able to join Zoom calls and videos with their teachers to keep up their learning.

However, not everyone has been able to join in. Most of the families at the school are poorer and students have had to rely on homework sent to them and the help of their parents.



When you were learning at home, did you take part in any online video calls?

How did you find this?

Let's hope everyone can return to school soon!

# Have fun on July the 9<sup>th</sup>