

Dear Parents,

I hope you are managing okay at home this week. I have tried to keep out of your inbox to give you all a little break from information overload!

Tomorrow you will receive an email from your child's classroom teacher. It will contain an introductory letter to home schooling from myself and the teacher. It will contain a proposed timetable, components of which will be trialled next week. Different classes will be working in different ways, however there is significant consistency across the school. All teachers will provide you with a weekly timetable, on-line and unplugged activities across all learning areas, and opportunities for children to interact with them in 'real-time'. We are all learning together and our strategies are certain to change over time. Plan–Implement–Assess–Adapt.

As you are aware the State Government announced that school holidays have been brought forward a week, teaching for Term 1 will conclude this Friday 3 April 2020. These additional days have been created to help address the risk of transmission of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and provide time for schools to prepare for Term 2. Parents who need their children to attend school to enable them to maintain employment can attend next week and they will be supervised. Our staff will use this time to further plan for and prepare resources for learning from home. We will also be trialling online platforms and ask you to refer to the information provided by each child's classroom teacher regarding engagement opportunities throughout this week (April 6 to 9).

Instructions on how to access and operate the various online learning platforms can be found in the <u>COVID-19 section</u> of our school webpage. I have also placed in this location a comprehensive <u>Home Learning Guide</u> provided by our School Psychologist Kelly Lewis.

Please remember, equally as important as learning, is having some FUN, interaction, physical activity and relaxation. Time spent engaging in these activities can be rejuvenating and can improve readiness to learn learning outcomes and mental health.

I want to assure you that your child will still receive an education next term but it will look different. Although we are not altogether, we will work hard to keep us all connected.

My staff has really appreciated the wonderful feedback and your words of encouragement. At this difficult time, they are providing an essential service to the community, and every bit of positivity is very much appreciated. I want to also thank you all for your support to the school, and your flexibility while business is no longer as usual.

Warm regards,

Fiona Kelly Principal