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Dear Parents & Caregivers,

COVID-19 UPDATE 2

Thank you for your patience, we prefer to wait until we have all the information available to us before notifying our families of any disruptions to your children's education.

NAPLAN

As you may have heard in the media late last week, NAPLAN has been cancelled for 2020. This decision was not made lightly, and has been made to help schools prepare to deliver your child's education by alternative means.

Easter Holidays

Today, Monday 23rd March 2020, will be the last day of Term 1. The Premier has advised that the school term will cease early. At this stage we will still return to school for Term 2 on Tuesday 14th April 2020. Should this change over the holiday period, we will notify our school families. Please make sure you provide us with your email address and/or phone number so we can get important information to you all in a timely manner.

Alternative Education Delivery

Today we are sending home a booklet of work that has been created as an extension of your child's classroom learning. **This booklet is only to be used should we be closed after the holiday period. The remainder of this week is Pupil Free, a holiday extension NOT a school closure.**

We have provided enough work for approx. 2 weeks, covering literacy and numeracy. Should school be closed next term, we expect students to work through the booklet being sent home today.

In the event we are closed next term, we will provide contact details for our staff and appropriate contact methods. Our teaching staff will be working remotely the next few days and skeleton staff will be on site for the remainder of this week.

We will not be sending home students school books at this stage, we will revisit this should we be closed for an extended period of time.

Below is a list of websites that are offering some great learning opportunities for those children currently self-isolating. These links will also be available on our website.

Reading Eggs

<https://readingeggs.com.au/>



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Scholastic Learn at Home

<https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome.html>

ABC Education

<https://education.abc.net.au/home#!/home>

Keys For Kids Devotionals

<https://www.keysforkids.org/Programming/Keys-for-Kids-Daily-Devotional/Read-Listen>

Term 2

As previously mentioned, we plan to commence Term 2 on Tuesday 14th April, 2020. As this is an evolving situation, we will keep you informed of any changes.

At this stage all excursions and incursions for Term 2 are on hold, including the Senior Class Camp. We will monitor the situation and continue to take our lead from the DET, DHHS, LEVNT and ISV.

Wellbeing

As this is a challenging time and the situation is evolving quickly, I appreciate you all remaining calm and being courteous to each other. I encourage you to try not to watch every news bulletin and take steps to create a healthy, mindful environment over the holiday period. I will endeavour to touch base with each family personally over the next few weeks.

Hygiene

As you are aware, we have increased our cleaning schedule on all high touch areas. We will continue to do this. We have always had hand sanitiser available in all classrooms and continue to provide this. We have also been asking children to wash their hands immediately as they arrive at school, in addition to before and after eating.

During this extended holiday period we will be conducting a deep clean of our whole school.

Regular hand washing reduces the risk of not only contracting COVID-19, but also slowing the spread of the virus. Please continue to encourage your children to wash their hands regularly with warm water and soap for a minimum of 20 seconds.



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Social Distancing

Social Distancing is very important during this time. We encourage you all to remain 1.5m from anyone outside your household and limit your trips around town. By doing this, you will be protecting our most vulnerable community members. Please re-consider any planned travel over this holiday period. Should you and your family be traveling, please check mandatory quarantine periods some states have now introduced and consider the impact these will have on you and your family. As we are promoting Social Distancing, we ask that you call prior to coming into our school grounds and consider if a personal trip is necessary.

Thank you again for your patience. We are aware the media is flooded with information at this time and we will continue to monitor the situation and inform our school community accordingly.

Please take care of yourselves, and God Bless you all during these trying times.

Yours in Christ,

Tim Reimann

Principal

