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NEWSLETTER 4 Thursday 23rd April 2020 **WEEK 2, TERM 2**

*Available on our School App, Website, CC Parent Portal. *

ANZAC DAY
Left We Forget

Dear Parents / Carers,

As we approach the end of our first full week of Term 2 and as the Principal of this school community I wish to express my gratitude to every person who has done all they can to support each other, to understand we are on a massive learning curve together, to work together for the wellbeing of all and to keep an eye out for those around us. It is a very challenging time for us all.

I thank every staff member for working extremely hard to provide our children with the best learning opportunities they could, with so little notice. They have in effect changed the way education is presented within a few weeks and this is nothing short of remarkable. I also thank our teachers for doing their best to respond to not only the individual needs of children but also to the individual needs of parents and families during this demanding time. They have done an amazing job in adapting delivery of content and ways of accessing student learning that supports the myriad of family situations of the children in their care. One size certainly doesn't fit all and please know everything is being done and will continue to be done to support you and your family.

As a Leadership Team it has been great to read the positive feedback teachers have received from families as well as the constructive suggestions offered, in what is a very tough situation. Please be assured all staff, along with the support of the Leadership Team are working together to adapt and adjust learning provided for children so it is accessible and manageable for every family. We are doing our best to support each family at their point of need and the support families provide in return is greatly appreciated and valued.

We understand how challenging it may be for parents and carers at home to ensure that their children are learning. We know that this is possibly very stressful on families given the length of time involved, the technology needs, the need for parents to also work from home and we know that every family is doing their best. After speaking with my colleagues in many other schools I know how fortunate we are to be working with families who understand the importance of sticking together to achieve the best outcomes for all.

One thing I would like to stress to all families is: *please do not stress about the Home Learning, just do what you can and that is enough for each family. Don't be worried about "not finishing" everything, just do your best within the circumstances of your family.*

The following letter found online, was recently shared with me and it resonates with what I have just written to you, so I thought I would share with you.

Home learning is not intended to cause difficulties and stress within families. We will monitor whatever your child is able to do and understand if not everything is completed and work with your child where they are at, when things return to 'normal'!

Be assured that we will continue to do everything we can to provide for the needs of your children. But please understand that we are also still learning in this situation as you and your children are.

April 17, 2020

Dear Parents,

Don't stress about schoolwork.

I will get your children back on track. I am a teacher and that's my superpower. What I can't fix is social-emotional trauma that prevents the brain from learning. So right now, I just need you to share your calm, share your strength, and share your laughter with your children. No kids are ahead. No kids are behind. Your children are exactly where they need to be.

With love,

All the teachers on planet Earth



At this stage we have no timelines for the resumption of school in its usual form but we will keep all families as informed as we can as we move forward.

Foundation 2021 Enrolments

Enrolment applications for 2021 are open and we will accept any new applications via email, posted to the school, placed in our letter box in Russell Street or if needed please call the school office and we will arrange for you to drop off your application at a negotiated time.

Just a reminder that children who turn 5 years of age by 30th April 2021 are eligible to enrol in Foundation 2021. *Please note that the enrolment of siblings is **NOT** automatic and an enrolment form needs to be received by the due date. An Enrolment Pack can be found on our website. Alternatively please contact the school office on 9741-8440 so we can arrange to get a pack to you.*

Once again, we pray to our God during this most challenging time to shine his light upon us, as we travel together on this incredible journey we are on at this point in time.

Go gently and stay safe.

Kind regards,

Linda

All families, with their children, are invited to view our Anzac Day Liturgy which is placed on the Student Desktop to commemorate Anzac Day.

ANZAC DAY 2020
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

