Dear Parent/Caregiver,

I hope everyone is safe and well in good spirits. I know this is a very challenging time for us all but I hope you are able to make the best of it and you are enjoying the extra time with your families. We now have nine teachers who for medical reasons have to work from home including myself.

Our team at school are doing a fabulous job looking after our students and creating work packs and online materials for those students learning from home. Our teachers working from home are providing great online support, researching and preparing online materials and developing work packs. With the reduced numbers of students needing to attend school each day I have organised to rotate staff to work from home each day next week. This will further reduce the number of people gathering on site each day. There will be plenty of staff for supervision of the students of parents who work in essential services. Those rostered to stay at home each day will be preparing work packs etc. for their students.

Our teachers have started making contact with families to check in on their students and make sure you have everything you need to manage this challenging situation we find ourselves in. Try to maintain a balance between screen time, work packs and physical exercise. If you utilise the daily timetable and matrixes we have made availabe through the school website and Google Classrooms this will be achievable. Please keep in touch with your teacher through the platforms they have made available and let us help you to ensure continuity of learning for your children.

Remote Teaching booklet 1 for week 10 will be available from the school website under parent info and training material tab on Monday morning.​ These booklets are broken up into year groups. They will be uploaded every Monday morning as additional learning activities to supplement the matrix units. These will need to be printed for students to complete. If you have trouble obtaining or printing these documents, please contact the school office and we can make a hard copy available.

I hope you all have a great weekend and are able to make the best of these challenging times.

Regards,

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