Dear Parent/guardian,

I hope you are all safe and well and have had an enjoyable weekend. Things are certainly moving fast with the Covid 19 Virus and our lives and social freedoms change on a daily basis. Living in the city it was quite eerie to hear how quiet the city was on Saturday night from my verandah. There is usually lots of hustle and bustle, music, laughter and the noise of people having fun coming from local pubs and restaurants nearby.

Of course, we are now being advised that this is not the time to have friends over for BBQ's and parties etc. as it increases the risk of the virus spreading. This can be challenging for adults and an even more challenging for our children as they are used to having a very social life (usually by attending school). It is a great idea to allow your child to catch up with their friends by phone, face time or video conference. They can chat, co-author a story play a game with each other send each other fun pictures or even help do their school work together. Be mindful of their need to connect with friends and check in on them to make sure they are coping well with staying at home. Importantly make their days fun in as many ways as you can.

Our teachers have been videoing themselves reading their favourite books and our intention is to share those with you each day. The plan is to release one per day at midday and we were going to start tomorrow. However, we have been advised that we need to look in to Copyright Laws and we will undertake this tomorrow. Hopefully we will be able to share them as everything we are doing is designed to make your job as teacher at home just that little bit easier.

Below is a link to stay up to date on what is happening with schools and also steps to social distancing at home.

**Frequently Asked Questions**

The Department of Education is continually updating its Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) and is now date stamping them, so you are aware of any change.

The Frequently Asked Questions currently available are:

[For the wider school community](https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/school-safety/novel-coronavirus/covid19-further-information)​

Steps for social distancing in all homes include:

* stay at home unless going out is absolutely necessary
* keep visitors to a minimum
* reduce visits to the shops — instead, buy more goods and services online if you can for pick-up, pre-order or delivery
* carefully consider what travel and outings are necessary, both individual and family
* regularly disinfect surfaces that are touched a lot, such as tables, kitchen benches and doorknobs
* increase ventilation in the home by opening windows or adjust air conditioning

If someone in your household is sick, you should:

* care for the sick person in a single room, if possible
* keep the number of carers to a minimum
* keep the door to the sick person’s room closed. If possible, keep a window open
* wear a surgical mask when you are in the same room as the sick person. The sick person should also wear a mask
* protect other vulnerable family members by keeping them away from the sick person. At-risk people include those over 65 years or people with a chronic illness. If possible, find them somewhere else to live while the family member is sick.

Regards,

Stuart Wylie

Principal