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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope you have had the opportunity for some well-deserved rest and relaxation during the break.

As advised last week, the Department of Education has determined that there will be an additional School Development Day to assist with preparations and planning for Term 2. Term 2 will now resume for students on Wednesday 29 April 2020.

The latest advice from the NSW Department of Education is that Term 2 will begin as it finished in Term 1. The majority of NSW students will be learning from home. School will be open and operational for students that need to attend but where practical, parents are encouraged to keep their children at home.

On Monday 11 May, we will move into a phased transition of students back to the classroom commencing with phase one. Students will attend school one day per week and continue learning from home the rest of the week. As conditions change, we will then move through phases 2 – 4, increasing days until we are attending school full time for Term 3. Planning for phase one will take place this week and information will be sent home by Monday 4 May 2020.

Staff resume on Monday 27 April 2020 for two student free School Development Days. The school office will be open for enquiries on Monday 27 April 2020 and Tuesday 28 April 2020 from 8:30am-3:30pm. There may be minimal staff on site as the Department is encouraging schools to facilitate working or teaching from home for as many staff as possible.

One single unit of work will be available for students to ensure consistency in curriculum delivery. This means all students, both at school and at home, cover the same learning activities.

Learning at home materials for Term 2 Weeks 1 and 2, will be emailed home on Wednesday 29 April 2020. Learning Packs for all students will be available for collection from school on Wednesday 29 April 2020. A roster for collection to ensure social distancing will be emailed to parents on Tuesday this week.

To support social distancing if children attend school they are to arrive at school as close to 9am as possible and remain in the COLA area where a teacher will be on duty. To control the number of visitors into the school, including tradespeople and deliveries, parents are requested to drop and collect from the school gate. Please do not enter the school grounds. If you need to contact the school, please telephone or email the office

It would be appreciated if parents could submit a skoolbag absence notification or send an email to advise the school that their child is learning from home. Please clearly indicate the reason. It is essential that the school knows whether your child is absent due to the recommendation or because they are sick. The Department is utilising this accurate data to support school decisions. Parents only need to notify the school once if children will be learning from home. The absence is recorded as flexible leave and does not show on student reports if they are learning from home.

Children are not permitted to attend school if they show any signs of illness - including the common cold. Children must be symptom free i.e. no temperatures, no coughs or runny noses. Any child who is sick at school will be sent home immediately. The health of our students and staff is our highest priority.

Changes to school operations over the coming weeks will be made by the NSW Department of Education in line with the latest advice from the NSW Government. We will keep parents informed as information becomes available.

Further information can be found at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families>

Thank you for your ongoing support in keeping our children, staff and community safe. We are looking forward to working with you and your children in Term 2.

Kind regards

Annette Wein
Principal