

## *Welcome to Week 1 Term 2 2020*

*Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2020*

### *Welcome to Term 2!*

This term will be very different but my staff and I are looking forward to being a part of your child's learning journey whether that be at home or school. I cannot express just how grateful I am for the way the parent community has responded to the situation we find ourselves in. You have decisively made your decision about whether to send your children to school and you have been very respectful of other people's decisions, throwing your support behind our teachers. Together we are negotiating this unpredictable journey and I am sure we will be a stronger community as a result of this experience.

### *Drop Off and Pick Up*

I would like to specifically acknowledge the way parents 'dropped off' and 'picked up' today. Your willingness to comply by the request for Year 1 – Year 6 parents not to come into the school was appreciated. Our K and PP parents did a super job of moving quickly in and out of the Early Childhood Area, adhering to social distancing guidelines, staying out of classrooms and the other areas of the school. Parents who have children returning to school later in the week or next week are asked to strictly adhere to our requests regarding 'pick up' and 'drop off' times.

### *Learning at Home and School*

Approximately 50% of our students returned to school today. Thank you for letting us know your decision via the text message survey. This was very helpful. The children who attended today were delighted to be back and enjoyed working with their classroom teachers. I have also had some very positive feedback from parents who have supported their children with the online learning through Connect. Please email your

classroom teacher if you need any clarification regarding these work packages.

### *Return of Library Books and Home Readers*

We currently have a large number of reading and library books missing from our library. Could you all have a good look around your home and send back any books that belong to the school. If you are working from home would you be so kind to drop them off at the front office. These books would cost a lot of money to replace so we would really appreciate the books being returned.

### *ANZAC Service*

Our intention was to have an ANZAC ceremony in our garden courtyard by the flagpoles this Friday. The Friday date was chosen to give us enough time to prepare the children after returning from the holidays. As we cannot have an assembly or large gathering we have prepared an online ceremony. We will share this via Connect for the children at home, and the children at school will watch the ceremony in their classrooms at 9.00 am on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May. If you have photos of how you celebrated your ANZAC day we would love to share them with our community. Please email them to me

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or private message our school Facebook page.



So whether your child is learning at home or at school, you are all very much a part of our 'Garden'. We miss those of you who are at home but very much respect your decision to continue your learning at home. We are in awe of the way you have taken on this challenge. Please contact me if you need clarification on any matter relating to the current situation, and remember your child's teacher is only an email or phone call away.

Jayne

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