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UPDATE ON COVID-19

Dear Parents,

I am writing to provide our latest update.

- There are still NO confirmed cases of COVID-19 within our school community
- Parents who are able to do so are encouraged to keep their children at home – **we are now permitted to grant approved leave under these circumstances – today we have 78% of students absent from school – PLEASE NOTE THAT NO ATTENDANCE AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED FOR THIS TERM**
- Our school is OPEN for those students whose parents can make no other arrangements for them
- We have provided work for students – online and hard copies of booklets (available from the office) – THESE ARE EXACTLY THE SAME! The children who are coming to school are completing the same booklets as the children working at home.
- At school, we have combined classes and students are being supervised to complete their work – other teachers have been released to start compiling work for the next two weeks. They are also planning units of work for Term 2 in the event that learning from home continues to be necessary.
- There will be no further awards (Student of the Week, Value of the Week, Principal's Gold and Silver awards) presented this term
- The department has provided additional resources for parents who wish to keep their children home from school – <https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/learning-from-home?deliveryName=DM2407>

Please understand that children who have been kept at home should not be going to shopping centres, gathering in large groups at local parks or having sleepovers with friends. All members of the community should be practising 'social distancing' for the safety of themselves and others.

In regard to the work that has been provided, please understand:

- Children are not expected to work beyond a normal school day i.e. 9.00am – 3.00pm.
- If children complete the work provided earlier than anticipated, we WILL NOT provide additional work
- It is important to build break times into your child's day
- Other activities, such as reading, drawing, playing outside, doing chores, riding a bike, playing board games, are all acceptable activities for students to be involved in
- If children are unwell, they should be resting not completing school work

We trust that you are keeping well and looking after yourselves as well as your children and the other members of your family.

If you have any queries, please contact the school.

Yours sincerely,

D. Meaney
Principal
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