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Dear Parents/Guardians

Quality parenting is always hard work -in these uncertain times it's even harder. I thank you for your continued patience and devotion to your children who are all missed by our staff.

At school we have been focussed on curriculum continuity and trying to make teaching & learning packages which meet each students' needs and interests. As we move towards Term 2, staff will continue to work in their class teams to ensure your child has meaningful work to complete. Let me reassure you that we do not expect students to complete these packages before Term 2 begins and that students are expected to take the holidays as a break from formal studies.

If you run out of work or feel we need to make some adjustments to the work provided, please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher direct via email, Seesaw or when you are scheduled to chat.

Staff will sort out how best to contact you over the next few days to confirm that you are able to access the packages and to check in on their students. Please keep checking the school website and emails/seesaw for latest updates from your child's teachers.

Staff are now on an IT learning journey and will be practicing WEBEX this week to test our capacity to use this tool effectively. We will let you know as soon as possible if this is the best IT platform for your child.

At present it is unclear as to what the future holds for this wonderful school, state and country. Be assured that as soon as I have clear directives regarding how the school will function next term I will let you know. At this stage I am preparing for a continuation of our current closure for at least the first 2 weeks of Term 2. I will use the school Webpage, Facebook and teacher communication types to keep you informed.

Whilst I have been ensuring that staff are kept busy with meaningful tasks I have also preparing some staff and student health and wellbeing activities. Please be assured that these activities do not impinge on our first duty to deliver quality curriculum to each student. Rather activities like a school song, crazy hair, gratitude events, and slippers day are intended to reassure our students that we are Ok and waiting for their return. I believe that joining you in projecting a positive attitude to our students will contribute positively to their health and well-being.

I wish you all a safe Easter Break and hope that you are able to witness many positive human behaviours in your community during this challenging period.

Best wishes

Jacquie Gellel

Principal

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