



Newsletter 2020

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Continuing Learning....

Dates to Note

- MON – FRI

Online Learning continues at school and home

- Thursday 9th April

Last day of Term 1

Easter Break



**Teachers only on
Monday 27th April**

(pupil-free day)

Students return ...

**Tuesday 28th April
(all being well)**

Footsteps Dance from Tuesdays 19th May to 16th June.

Attendance during COVID 19: Thank you to all of you for your support in following the regulations regarding your children's learning and attendance. As you are aware, we have been directed by the department that all children who demonstrate evidence of learning from home will be marked under "Flexible Learning". This does not constitute an absence on their records. Conversely, any child not demonstrating the undertaking/completion of set tasks, is to be marked as an A (unexplained absence). School is still open for learning and our students are expected to be doing this from home or school (as decided). We are here to support our students at every moment of the school day.

Online Learning: It's been great to see so many students working through the set tasks presented. I do note there are some issues around internet connections, sharing devices amongst family members, finding the best internet browser. We have made an effort to contact many of the families who have not been visible lately to check on wellbeing and any issues with which we may offer some assistance.

We also appreciate your patience with the introduction of Google Classroom. Please remember that students just log into the D of E portal with their usual username and password eg: bill.brown

Do remember that online learning was not our only list of activities. So wonderful to hear stories of Lego creations, geography exercises and cakes being baked, nature walks and nature craft. The addition of our SeeSaw will help you capture many of these moments to add to their online journal. Children can then voice-over or write captions to explain what is happening. Remember this is only visible to you and your class teachers.

It is a stressful time for all of us. The unknown is always a scary thing. Let's work together with what we are good at – caring for each other, supporting each other and not making judgements. Everyone of us is doing our very best at each and every moment. This will look different in every household. That's what makes our community so very special. Thank you all for your contribution to your child's learning. You are all amazing!

Student Learning Resources: Thank you to everyone who has paid either in person or online. We ask that you pay these as soon as is possible and remind you that if anyone is experiencing any difficulty with payment to please make an appointment to speak with Mrs Mills so that a payment plan can be set up to assist.

P & C Annual Voluntary Contribution: Every year the P & C ask for a voluntary contribution from families. Thank you to those families who have contributed already.

Footsteps Dance: We hope this will be happening next term, but in the event of this situation continuing, Footsteps have asked us to trial some online lessons for them. It will be interesting.

P&C Meeting: Our next meeting is supposed to be on the first Tuesday of next term, 28th April at 7pm. I am very unsure about this date under the current circumstances. We will leave it as such now and I am sure our P&C will inform us all as the time approaches.

Holidays: I am sure we are all going to need and enjoy some down time these holidays. I know all staff here will and judging from conversations I have had with many of you, you feel the same way. I wish you a very Happy Easter, when it comes, and hope you are able to enjoy a safe and Happy holiday break with your families. Thank you once again for your support and understanding through these very difficult times.



Days to note:

Mondays = K-2 PE, Canteen

Tuesday = Library

Wednesdays = Scripture, 3-6 PE

Thursdays = Assembly every 2nd week

Friday = Sports day



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Before and After School is available
For pricing details ring Silvia Li.

HAPPY Easter

WISHING OUR
FAMILIES A VERY
HAPPY EASTER



Our P&C will be meeting on

Tuesday 28th April, 2020

in the school library.

These meetings are short, fun and best of all

PRODUCTIVE!!!

We would love you to join us to help keep this school the amazing place it is and to ensure your children gain the benefits that previous years have been able to experience through the many efforts of P&C participation and guidance.

We have found that enormous tasks have fallen on but a few. It's time we all shared the load a little.

Why not come along to be a voice to be heard. Share your thoughts. Maybe offer some assistance in some small way. We would really enjoy your company.



WE MAY NOT HAVE IT
all together
BUT TOGETHER WE
have it all

A small reminder to parents that if you have any concerns at all regarding your child, their work or an issue with another child in the school, we ask that you please **speak to the class teacher** to clarify the situation. Sometimes things are not quite as they seem.

Do remember that in a small school, teachers are extremely busy, covering anything from 2 to 4 duties a day as well as preparation and marking. It may be, therefore, better to make an appointment to ensure satisfaction all round.

Ann Mills

Principal

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