



SMJ NEWSLETTER

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Caring, Learning, Growing: Every Child, Every Day

Dear Parents and Carers,

At the beginning of the year, I never thought that I would be writing this last newsletter of the term under the circumstances in which we currently find ourselves. I thank you all for your support this term, especially over the last two weeks. As a school we have endeavoured to keep you as informed as we possibly can.

At the time of writing, I have absolutely no idea what the circumstances will be for children returning to school at the beginning of the term holidays. However, please be assured that all staff have been at work this week preparing for all situations.

Our school mantra – Caring Learning Growing: Every child, Every Day has certainly been in action this week. The teachers, Learning Support Officers and Admin staff have all worked over and above the duties required of them this week, in preparation for the possible non return of students next term.

Each Learning Community has provided all students with a home learning pack to begin the term. This week all staff have been preparing for working from home, which will be the worst case scenario that we may face in the coming weeks. This has been very challenging for some of us who still operate in pen and paper, however we are all developing our knowledge and skills as we prepare to move the children to online learning, if required. Further information will be sent home as needed.

We ask that you don't rush out and sign up to at home learning programs as we are in the process of purchasing what we consider quality programs to support your children with learning at home. Again further information will be provided as needed.

We are all dealing with unexpected circumstances which have thrown our lives into chaos. All of us at SMJ have family members who are impacted by the effects of the very difficult decisions that both the state and federal governments have needed to make. We understand that many of our families may have lost their jobs, had working hours cut back and even possibly isolated due to restrictions on travel and the closing of state borders. If your family is experiencing financial hardship due to the current circumstances, please let us know. Louise and I are available on the school number 5382 3000, today and Friday for any assistance that we are able to provide.

At all times I will endeavour to keep you informed.

God Bless us all, our families and loved ones.
Andrea

News received from the Williams family (Abbey 5/6 KR) brought everything into perspective for me this week. Please keep this family in your prayers as Abbey's brother in Year 9 at St Brigid's College was diagnosed with Leukaemia.



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