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Dear parents and carers

Thank you to all our families for their positive feedback and support as we continue to work in this new learning structure. I am extremely proud of the amazing way in which we all have transitioned and adapted from a 'traditional' school setting into a completely new learning environment.

The education of our students remains our priority. I would like to acknowledge and thank all our staff for their tremendous efforts to ensure the continuity of learning for our students. Our staff are working hard to meet the learning needs of all our students in a variety of ways and this has resulted in wonderful and innovative teaching and learning. Staff are collaborating to create interactive literacy and numeracy activities, videos, online read alouds of quality picture books and fitness activities. Thank you to our students who have been wonderful in completing activities and interacting with their teachers. We embrace the interactions we have with parents and children.

Whilst the majority of students are accessing learning online, others have collected learning packs from school. We also continue to support a small number of students at school and are very happy to be providing this support to our families who still need to send their children to school.

As previously advised, the Department of Education has requested our teaching and administrative staff move to flexible workplace arrangements. This means there is a reduced number of staff working on our school campuses on a daily basis. Staff will be working their normal teaching hours of 8.55 am - 3.00 pm. They will continue to plan learning activities, monitor the completion of work and provide support throughout the day for their class through the online learning platform.

The Department of Education has indicated schools will continue to operate with the current model of learning well into Term 2. In order to effectively plan for the continuity of learning for all our students, this week, our staff will be involved in collaborative planning and will need time to prepare learning activities and resources. We appreciate your patience in teachers' availability for online communication. Please be aware that teachers will respond and follow up on any student or parent messages/requests as soon as possible, which may be the following day.

We understand there may be challenges parents are facing with home learning. We would like to let all our families know that we are completely aware that everyone is doing their absolute best as are staff at our school. Please do not hesitate to contact us if there is anything else the school can do to support you.

Please be reminded that the Department of Education has great resources for parents which can be accessed on the Learning from Home Hub link: https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/learning-from-home/advice-to-parents-and-carers

Thank you again for your ongoing support. We will continue to update you as we receive new information.

Ms Fermanis Principal