



23 March 2020

Dear Cheltenham Primary School families,

As you are aware, in response to the COVID-19 situation, school holidays have been called early for all students as of Tuesday, 24 March 2020.

Tomorrow our school is offering a care and supervision program for students who are the children of essential services workers. If you are an essential services worker, and would like us to care for your child, please advise the office by Konnective or email, so that we can adjust for numbers.

This afternoon all students are being sent home with the curriculum learning we have prepared for the **first 2 weeks of next term**. This is a contingency, should the children be unable to return on the **15 April** by government directive. These tasks **are not** for this immediate period as all children will be on holiday for the next three weeks.

We have printed everything for your convenience. Students in Years 3 to 6 can access all tasks online through Google classroom (from Wednesday 15 April). We have a suggested list of sites for students to use and a range of self-extending options. The work prepared is revising and applying the curriculum students' have been taught this term. If remote learning is introduced, we will be teaching new content and providing instruction remotely. We are now engaged in setting up our school in the event this may occur.

Families that are currently self-isolating or whose children were sick may come and pick up your child's pack **tomorrow (Tuesday 24 March) and Wednesday (25 March) from 9.00am to 4.00pm** or on our designated pupil free day **Tuesday 14 April** (9.00am to 4.00pm).

We will be using a combination of Microsoft teams, Zoom, Google Classrooms and See-Saw. All of these applications can be accessed on an iPad, iPhone or notebook. Most applications are ones that the children are familiar with, and that consider the range of skillset within our community. We are very aware that many of you will also be working from home and will not be able to provide technical support to your children.

We suggest that you purchase a cheap printer to enable you to download and print tasks at home. Most inkjets range from \$25 up. If you will be using a PC at home to work, please consider borrowing an iPad or setting up an old notebook for your child to use. To support remote learning you will need Internet with an appropriate NBN connection or data plan. If you are concerned that your child will not be able to access remote learning, **please email me directly to the school account**. If you require support, please do not hesitate to contact me, through the school account. If we can help you - we will.

In this period, it is most important that all families are signed up to at least one of our communication options: Konnective, Facebook or the school website. All information will be sent to you via all three platforms. If you know of anyone in our school that is not signed up, please ask them to do so immediately.

Please take care of yourselves and your families!

Kind Regards,

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Principal