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NEWS LETTERS

Hi All,

I think you will agree with me when I say it has been an interesting term 1 this year! I would like to take this opportunity to thank our families for your ongoing support which has been amazing, and your well wishes which have been really appreciated. This is an evolving situation and as such we will adapt and change things as we go along, we would appreciate your ongoing patience as we develop new ways of doing things.

I would also like to take this moment to acknowledge my staff who are working incredibly hard to ensure that learning occurs for all of our students regardless of whether they are at home or at school. I am extremely proud of the way my staff have risen to this challenge and are throwing themselves into finding solutions for the continuation of learning for our students.

Just a couple of things you need to know:

- Our main method of communication will be via Seesaw. Please make sure that you have access to this.
- Students will be receiving a new Seesaw QR code in the post next week that is called a 'home learning code'. Please help your child download the Seesaw **Class app**, choose 'I am a student' and use their new QR code to log on. Please disregard the QR code sent home last week. I apologise for asking you to log on to this new Seesaw app and code – we are learning as we go along!
- For families that do not have access to the internet or a device we are trying to source a solution to this for you. In the meantime we will be sending home paper copies of work for next term. These should be arriving in approximately week 2 of the school holidays ready for the start of term 2.
- At this stage our school will be open next term for families who have made the decision to continue sending their children to school. This may change at some time in the future depending on the directions handed down by the Health Department and you will be notified if this is to occur. In the meantime students at home and at school will be following the same learning plan.
- We will be opening up our library in term 2 for students to come and exchange books and readers. This will be by appointment so please keep an eye on Seesaw early next term for more information about how to do this.

Finally I would like to remind those of you who are engaging in learning at home with your children – you are doing an amazing job! Be gentle on yourselves as you and your children adjust to this new way of doing things, your family's wellbeing is the most important thing at the moment. Keep safe over the break and we will speak to you or see you next term.

Regards,
Mandy Hackett
Principal

PREPARING FOR ONLINE LEARNING

Information for students



Create a study area

- Work with your parents/caregivers to find a suitable space within your home and mark out your study space.
- Customise it – add photos and make it comfortable!
- Make sure you have enough stationery (pens, highlighters, notebooks etc) and the correct resources to study from.

Keep your workspace tidy

- It's hard to be disciplined to work at home, and even harder if the place is messy.
- Set a timer! Do a quick 10 minute clean up before you start to learn – it helps create a calmer learning environment.

Plan your day

- Ensure you have a clear understanding of what your tasks are for that day and when your breaks are.
- Set yourself a daily goal for what you would like to achieve by the end of the day.
- Make sure you know your logins and passwords for the sites and resources you may need to access.



Keep in contact with your teacher/s

- Make sure you follow the learning plans designed by your teachers, stick to due dates and submit things on time.
- Remember you can always contact your teacher for help – just schedule in a convenient time with them as they may be helping another student.

Take regular breaks

- Taking regular breaks during the day keeps your mind fresh and is one of the easiest ways to ensure you can concentrate and focus on your learning.

Exercise

- Step away from your laptop every hour or so and do some exercise. Play with the dog in the back garden, do a 10 minute exercise or practice your dance skills! All of this helps to keep your mind and body healthy.

Eat well

- Make sure you are eating a variety of fresh vegetables and fruit, along with lots of other nutritional foods. A healthy balanced diet is really important to our physical and mental wellbeing.



Keep socialising

- Use online systems and apps to maintain positive social contact.
- Post on discussion boards and read other student's posts, you are all probably feeling the same.
- Set up informal discussions via online apps if you can. Choose your topic and spend some time discussing ideas, analysing texts together and swapping study tips.

Be respectful and understanding of each other

- As with all social media platforms, a simple misunderstanding in writing can quickly escalate.
- On discussion forums you may find that some people who don't normally speak up in class now have more to say. This is a good thing! Be clear in your communication and allow everyone to have a voice.
- Listen to each other and if you are unsure of something that has been said, ask a question.
- Remember, the same behaviours and expectations apply as if you were in the classroom.



Reach out for help

- Not everyone has access to a laptop and reliable internet. You might also be missing physical resources such as libraries and laboratories. Get in touch with your teacher if you don't have access to the right equipment.

Finish your learning for the day

- It's important to have a clear cut-off point when you finish studying for the day.
- Pack up your study materials at the end of the day if you can, so that you can separate school from home.
- Go and do another fun task that you enjoy!

SCHOOL CARD 2020

Online applications for 2020 must be completed and returned ASAP please

A new School Card application MUST be submitted each year

Applications can be completed online at <https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme>

School card applications can still be completed via a paper form. Please contact the front office on 83825888 if you require one or email Lisa on lisa.pinder549@schools.sa.edu.au

VACATION CARE- APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

April School Holiday Vacation Care Program is now available from the OSHC office.

**Please make bookings as soon as possible
To avoid disappointment**

For further enquiries or enrolment forms please contact the Director Melissa
Or Deb on **0414 262 284**.

ZOOPER DOOPERS

Will continue to be sold at the front office on Tuesdays and Thursdays. 50c each. Maximum of 2 per student.

ARBURY PARK CAMP

At this stage we are still hoping that the camp will go ahead. We will of course keep you informed.

If the camp does not go ahead all payments will be refunded as a credit to your school account, or via Electronic Funds transfer. More information to follow.



ZOO SNOOZE

At this stage we are still hoping that the zoo snooze will go ahead. We will of course keep you informed. If the zoo snooze does not go ahead all payments will be refunded as a credit to your school account, or via Electronic Funds transfer. More information to follow.



SCHOOL DENTAL VISIT



RE: Your School's Dental Visit has been Postponed

As a precautionary measure to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, the Australian Dental Foundation will be postponing our 'My School Dentist' dental visit at your school until further notice.

We encourage you to still complete and return your consent forms to your site, and you'll be notified new dates for our upcoming dental visit soon. We do apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Should you have any questions or any concerns, please contact us on (08) 7226 1709 or email at sa@dentalfoundation.org.au

We thank you for your patience and support during this time.

Yours Sincerely,

Emily Noll
Program Coordinator

FUN AND FREE WAYS TO LEARN FROM HOME

MATH: Prodigy www.prodigygame.com Khan Academy www.khanacademy.org	READING: Squiggle Park www.squigglepark.com Storyline www.storylineonline.net/
SCIENCE: Mystery Doug mysterydoug.com National Geographic kids.nationalgeographic.com	
WRITING: Typing Club www.typingclub.com	SOCIAL STUDIES: History for Kids www.historyforkids.net

EDUCATIONAL FREE WEBSITES

LEARNINCOLOR.COM

MATH <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Funbrain - Prodigy - Math Playground - Splash Learn - Math Game Time - Khan Academy 	SOCIAL STUDIES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Crash Course (YouTube) - Who Was? App/site - Nat Geo Kids - Google Earth - Time for Kids - Smithsonian for Kids
SCIENCE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discovery Mindblown - NASA Kids Club - Amazing Space - Code Academy - How Stuff Works 	OTHER <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Brain Pop - Ted Talks - PBS Kids - Duolingo - Hello Kids (drawing)

FREE EDUCATIONAL SITES

SCHOLASTIC LEARN AT HOME <small>Google "Scholastic Learn at Home" for quick access</small> PBS LEARNING MEDIA pbslearningmedia.org NAT GEO KIDS kids.nationalgeographic.com ARCTA aboya.com FUN BRAIN Funbrain.com STARFALL starfall.com HIGHLIGHTS KIDS highlightskids.com STORYLINE ONLINE storylineonline.net ABC HOUSE abc.house.com WONDERPOLIS wonderopolis.org	LEARNING A-Z learninga-z.com BRAINPOP brainpop.com VOOKS vooks.com/teacher-appreciation PHONICS HERO phonicshero.com DREAMSCAPE squigglepark.com/dreamscape SWITCHEROO ZOO switcheroozoo.com BOOM LEARNING wowboomlearning.com KIDS DISCOVER online.kidsdiscover.com TIME FOR KIDS Timeforkids.com GONOODLE gonoodle.com
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DIARY DATES

Week 11 Monday 6th-Thursday 9th April Student free days
 Friday 10th April Good Friday

Term 2 starts Monday 27th April