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Organisation for School from 11 May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your understanding and working with us as we navigate the changes for Term 2. Those of you are assisting your children with home learning programs have certainly been very creative and hopefully there have been some benefits as your family spends more quality time together. Teachers have worked tirelessly and very quickly to set up remote learning. We understand there have been some minor glitches but generally contact with the teacher using Class Dojo has enabled everything to get back on track. Feedback from teachers is that children are doing very well with the technology and are engaging well with the learning that has been prepared.

The Premier has made a number of announcements regarding schooling for the students of New South Wales so you would be aware that until 11 May schools are open for the children of essential workers with no other option while other students will be learning at home. Please be aware that these plans can change subject to further announcements from the government as they monitor the situation in relation to COVID 19.

From 11 May students will be given the opportunity to return to school in a staged manner starting with each child attending for one day per week. It is envisaged that the majority of students will access their work from home four days per week and attend school on their rostered day. We have created a roster based on students surnames so that children from the same family can attend on the same day. Students may not be taught by their regular class teacher but other qualified teachers.

Rostered days are as follows:

- Monday – Surnames A to Den
- Tuesday – Surnames Di - Li
- Wednesday – Surnames Ll - R
- Thursday – Surnames S-Z
- Friday – Home learning for all students except those of essential workers with no other option. Teachers will be engaged in planning learning on this day.

Our school routines will not be 'normal' as current health and safety guidelines apply. Please note the following:

- Students must be dropped off and picked up from the gates, preferably without getting out of the car if you are driving to ensure adults are able to practice social distancing.
- The canteen remains closed. Please send your children with food and drink.
- The bubblers have been turned off. Please ensure your child has their own water bottle labelled with their name.

- Any child showing any signs of being unwell, no matter how minor, must be kept at home. If symptoms develop during the day at school a parent or carer will be called immediately to arrange pick up from sick bay.
- The office will be locked. You can contact the school by phone or online. Paper copies of work will be available from the tubs outside the front office. Please ring if you require paper copies so we can print them and have them ready for pick up.
- The library will be open for children to return and borrow books on their rostered day.
- If your child needs to borrow a device to enable them to engage in home learning please contact the office.
- Continue to support student learning at home.

Thank you once again, we look forward to connecting with your children face to face as soon as possible. In the meantime please contact us if you need any assistance.

The Team at Robert Townson