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We have definitely had a challenging start to Term 3 with the return to Learning from Home. Thank you so much to everyone in our school community for working so well together to support the learning of all of our students. The current information from the Department of Education is that 'Parents and carers in Greater Sydney must keep children – across primary and secondary school – at home unless they need to be at school. Schools and outside of school hours care (OOSHC) services are open for any child that needs it'. With this advice, there is 'minimum staff on-site to oversee one unit of learning for students attending school site, noting that flexible syllabus requirements are in place'.

We are guided by the Department of Education each day with a report and update of our current situation and the necessary changes that need to happen at school level. We will keep you updated as much as possible via the School E-News app, so please have your notifications on.

Learning From Home

Our Google Clasrooms are very busy each day with questions, comments, feedback, stories and the sharing of great work that is happening both at school and at home. It is wonderful to hear your feedback that Learning from Home is more manageable with the workpacks provided this lockdown.

Google Classroom

Learning from Home packs will be available on Google Classrooms on Monday morning and they will be also be dirstributed via the School E-News app.

Due to the current health situation, we would like to reduce the number of people needing to pick up packs from school. If you are not able to access a Learning from Home Pack via the Google Classroom or School E-News, please contact the office via phone or email and we can make other arrangements with you.



Attendance

In order to ensure that your child is marked as Learning from Home, we ask that students log on to their own Google Classroom each day and answer the attendance question. If you have a number of siblings using the same device, they will need to log on to their own clasroom to answer the question in their classroom. If student work is able to be uploaded, students can provide pictures or documents to their Google Classroom for feedback. If your child is working at home in a workbook or on paper, please keep these copies together so that they can be brought in to school when we return to face to face learning.

Smiling Mind



Please don't forget to encourage your child and your family to use the Smiling Mind app to support health and wellbeing at this time.

Excursions and Camps

The impact of this current lockdown has resulted in the cancellation of excursions and possibly camps. We will be working with parents and carers to work out a plan for refunding money that has been paid or holding the money as 'Fees in Advance'. Our office staff will be making contact with you to discuss your preferences.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us via phone or email and we will respond as soon as possibe.

Thank you again for your continued support. Kristine Beeby Relieving Principal