



# NEWSLETTER

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## EFFORT UNITY RESPECT ORDER ACHIEVEMENT

### MAREE'S REPORT

Hello everyone,

#### **Remote and Flexible Learning is Off to a Flying Start**

What a fantastic start we have had to the return of Remote Learning over the past week. It has been wonderful to see so many students engaging with their learning via Seesaw and submitting their work as it is completed throughout the week. Teachers have also organised and begun calling students each week at a set time each week. This phone call is an opportunity for students and parents to ask any questions that they may have, and also to help students stay connected to the school and their teachers.

I really want to acknowledge the efforts of many. We all know that if we had our 'our own way', we'd rather be onsite attending lessons with our friends, and experiencing the additional joys of camps, excursions and playtimes. Thank you to our students for 'giving their all' and making the most of these unique arrangements, to our parents for supporting the remote learning model and to the tireless school staff for their efforts at school and off-site to enhance the 'experience' as best as they possibly can.

#### **Access to the School and School Grounds**

Please remember that there are strict guidelines around access to the school grounds. Access is limited to: school staff, students attending onsite, contractors, outside of school hours care staff, children and their families. If you need to collect anything from the school, you must call the office and a staff member will meet you at the front gate. We are obviously being directed to have as few people as possible coming onsite. Please help us by supporting this routine. At no stage should any parent be coming inside a school building without a prior appointment made through the office. Children being signed in and out of 'onsite supervision' will do so from the office. We thank everyone for your continued support with these restrictions.

#### **Remote Learning Packs**

We have changed the way we will be distributing our remote learning packs in Term 3.

**Learning packs can now be picked up either on Friday or on Monday for the week ahead, starting from TOMORROW. This is in direct response to parent feedback, and we hope this makes things a little easier for those families who wish to collect the pack on a Friday.**

**The office will be open from 9am – 2pm on both the Monday and Friday for pack collection.**

If you are unable to collect your pack, and would like to have your pack delivered, please contact the office to arrange delivery of your pack.

By creating the packs weekly, teachers are better able to respond to student learning needs. Collection of the packs weekly also allows for students and parents to remain connected to our wonderful school.

### **Attendance – New DET Requirements and Coding**

This advice outlines student attendance recording and reporting requirements from Wednesday 5 August 2020.

- Prep to Year 10 students will continue with remote and flexible learning in metropolitan Melbourne and students in regional areas will commence remote and flexible learning
- Children who are engaging in remote learning will be marked as 'present'. Schools may use a range of mechanisms to determine if students are attending in a remote learning context. This includes: Learning contact: the school verifies that the student has engaged with learning tasks through participation in teaching schedule. This may include through the student's engagement with the school's learning platform, through teachers' direct interactions with the student and through student's submission of work. Student, parent or carer contact: the school makes contact with the student, parent or carer to verify the student's participation that day. Schools are required to verify attendance and may not automatically mark all students as attending during the remote learning
- Children who qualify for onsite supervision will be marked as 'on-site program'
- Children who do not complete any form of remote learning and have no engagement with the classroom teacher will be marked as 'absent'.

Please contact Maree at the school if you have any questions or require any further information about the recording of student attendance.

### **Some Food for Thought: It's OK to Lose – Why we need to Stop Shielding Kids from Failure**

I encourage our parents and carers to listen to this interview with Hugh Van Cuylenberg from the Resilience Project and educator and parenting expert, Clark Right.

<http://www.abc.net.au/radio/perth/programs/focus/letting-kids-lose/10078520>

Some of the key information from this interview are as follows:

- Are kids missing out on vital life skills that demand resilience?
- It comes from a loving place but we are wrapping our kids in cotton wool
- Sometimes, we need to step back as parents and let our children learn from their experiences
- Learning gratitude, empathy, mindfulness, failure and hardship are key lessons in order to have a life where they can resolve problems themselves
- Kids are scared of failing and so don't take positive risks, therefore they're not going to experience adversity to become resilient
- We have to back our teachers more, they are highly skilled and highly trained
- We need to let kids lose and unwrap children from cotton wool
- We don't protect our kids by making them happy all the time
- We are in a world that demands resilience

If you get the opportunity to have a listen, this is an incredibly interesting interview that may provide a different perspective or different thoughts about the importance of developing resiliency in our children.

### **Office Hours**

Due to staff working from home if and where possible, there will be a change to office hours for the remainder of Term 3. Our office will be staffed on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays between the hours of 8.30am – 3.15pm. On Tuesdays, there will be no staff in the office. If you need to get in contact with the school on this day, please call 5795 2212 and if someone does not answer, please leave a message. Otherwise, you can call or text Maree directly on her mobile on 0432 630 689.

### **Feedback is Always Welcome**

Our School Council and Leadership Team is committed to ensuring we are working to meet the needs of our students, staff and the School Community. Your feedback is critical in enabling us to do this. I would encourage you at any stage if you have concerns, require clarification on issues or would like to discuss ways of improving the School to contact the school office to arrange an appointment to meet with me.

Have a great week ahead everyone!

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**Enrolments close on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020**



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