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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Many of our students are now at home and accessing online learning via the Seesaw app. At this stage we are still teaching face to face at school but we want to allow students at home to follow what we are doing here and carry out tasks that other students are working on in class. Next week we are moving to more intensive online delivery.

On Monday, our program will continue as it has this week. This will give us an opportunity to determine numbers of students who will be accessing learning at home and at school during the week. It will also give parents/caregivers an opportunity to collect book packs and for Year 4-6 parents to bring in iPads to have updates installed at school. Staff will be available to meet parents at the gate if you wish (please contact the office as you arrive).

On Tuesday morning classroom teachers will post a schedule for the day by 9:00am on Seesaw. This will give you a guide to what students will be doing in class at school so that you can follow this at home. Students 'on-site' at school will be following this same online schedule. Please be aware that this is a guide only – the schedule is designed to be flexible and fit in with what is happening at your home.

The following suggestions are aimed at supporting you in making this online learning as successful as possible.

- As far as possible, try to have a routine for your child's learning times
- Get dressed for school/home learning
- Make sure you have breakfast
- Set up a workspace for your child to use which is as free as possible from noise and distractions
- Provide breaks from screens for your child – learning activities being sent home will provide a mix of activities
- Ensure your child has activity breaks, preferably outside in the fresh air
- Provide brain food breaks for your child
- Make some household chores part of your child's routine
- Be sensitive to your child's state of mind or level of focus – it may be more effective to take a break and come back to a task rather than push your child if they are struggling or stressed
- Take time to focus on your child's general wellbeing – calming activities, games and having fun will also be important
- If you or your child are having difficulties with any aspects of tasks, please contact your child's teachers but please be aware they might not be able to respond until the end of the school day

We appreciate that as parents/grandparents/caregivers, this is all very new and may be challenging. Be kind to yourself – if your dining room does not operate like a classroom this shouldn't be a cause for stress. This is something new, different and challenging for everyone.

It has been wonderful to see the way students have engaged with their online learning so far and worked to complete tasks. We would ask for your assistance in monitoring what your child posts to Seesaw and checking that only work tasks are uploaded and that tasks are complete – this will ensure time isn't wasted through having to check posts which aren't finished student work. Thank you for your continued support.

**PLEASE NOTE:** In the interests of student safety, as of Monday morning, the school will be taking the temperature of students as they arrive.

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