

Term 2 - Newsletter 10
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Principal

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TERM 2- REMOTE LEARNING PROGRAM - Department of Education and Training Victoria (D.E.T) COVID-19 UPDATE

I'd like to welcome you all back to term 2. Unfortunately, through circumstances completely beyond anyone's control it is a very unusual and challenging time for parents, students and staff.

The only thing we can do at the moment is to remain patient and follow the direction of the Department of Education and Training Victoria (D.E.T).

In terms of the Remote Learning Program I would like to congratulate all parents, students and staff for your persistence.

My advice and that of the D.E.T is that you should not put too much pressure on yourself or your child during this time.

The teachers are here to support you if there is anything that you don't understand.

Many parents have received a laptop from school on loan for the duration of the remote learning program. If you find yourself in the situation that you require a device on loan from school please contact the office and we will assist you. In terms of internet, it appears most families are able to connect. If you are concerned about your data allowance you should contact your provider. D.E.T have a limited number of transportable devices– Dongals, Telstra 4G Sticks for loan for which we have made a request. We are awaiting an announcement on any possible allocation next week.

As I mentioned earlier, we follow the direction of the Department of Education and Training Victoria (D.E.T) and cannot be influenced by other commentary.

Unless or until otherwise directed by D.E.T, the advice is clear:

ALL STUDENTS WILL BE LEARNING FROM HOME, EXCEPT FOR STUDENTS IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

Children on days when they are not able to be supervised at home and **no other arrangements** can be made.

-This will be available for children of parents who cannot work from home, and vulnerable children, including:

-children in out-of-home care

-children deemed by Child Protection and/or Family Services to be at risk of harm

-children identified by the school as vulnerable. (I will contact you personally in this case).

Good luck for the week ahead.

YEAR 5/6 CAMP

Our Year 5/6 Camp which was due to be in the first week of June has unfortunately been cancelled. All payments made by parents to date will be fully refunded in the coming weeks.

At this stage the Year 3/4 Camp planned for October will go ahead as scheduled.

SCHOLASTIC  **Book Club**

**BOOK CLUB IS HERE—Virtual Catalogue
while Students Learn from Home**

In these unprecedented times we're all being asked to change the way we work and live. Our tradition of putting books into the hands of kids isn't going to change, but for Term 2, we're doing things a little differently.

**Doing things differently does not change
our goal, that goal is more important than ever!**

**For the first time in the history of Scholastic—
we will have a **Virtual Book Club for Term 2****

Every child will still have the opportunity to access their Book Club catalogue.

The same carefully selected, best-value books will still be available, so the enjoyment Book Club is known for will not change!

<https://scholastic.com.au/book-club/virtual-catalogue-1/>

Book club orders will close on May 8th 2020

At this time all orders will need to be made online via the Book club Loop. The orders will be delivered to the school and I will contact you to arrange a collection time from the school. If you have any questions please contact your class teacher via ClassDojo.