

Term 1 - Newsletter 9
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Principal

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COVID-19 Update 23 March 2020 - SCHOOL CLOSURE

By now you would know that all Victorian schools are closed as of and including Tuesday 24 March 2020. This decision was made by the Victorian State Government and the Department of Education and Training-Victoria.

Tuesday 24 March is now the first day of the school holidays.

At this point in time Term 2 will commence on Wednesday 15 April 2020 however this is an ever evolving situation and should this change you will be notified. The methods of parent communication will be Class-dojo, Facebook and the Skoolbag APP. The SMS service has only limited characters and this may be used for the briefest of messages. Parents are urged to ensure connection to one or all of these platforms. Internet and 4G connection is required.

Selected staff will be at school on Tuesday 24 March 2020 from 9:00am- 3:30pm to provide assistance to those parents who require it. These staff will also offer a care and supervision program tomorrow Tuesday 24 March 2020 for children of essential services workers who are in the process of making alternative arrangements for their child's supervision.

Please note: This is only for Tuesday 24 March 2020 and is limited to those parents who work in essential services.

REGARDING SCHOOL WORK

All children have learning packages and are linked to their teachers via Class Dojo.

This remote learning package should be enacted at the commencement of Term 2- Wednesday 15 April 2020 should the school be directed to remain closed. It is not intended for the extended school holiday period.

Staff can and will communicate via this platform during normal school hours. Please note that the work requirements are consistent across year levels. For example, all Year 6 students receive the same resources. Please do not put undue pressure on your child or yourself in an attempt to complete tasks. This is an extraordinary situation and time for understanding. This is not home-schooling. This is an unprecedented emergency situation with world-wide impact. The work provided is merely suggested course work. There will be no pressure from the school regarding completion but there will be support should you need it. We have a whole school plan to extend remote learning resourcing for as long as required.

Cobden Primary School staff extend our sympathies to those community members whose employment/business is under threat at this time. Please reach out where possible and certainly keep up to date with the Federal Government's latest financial support packages.

Cobden Primary School staff will be instructed to remain home as per the D.E.T guidelines until otherwise notified. Aside from the few selected staff attending on Tuesday 24 March 2020 this will be enforced as at the completion of school today, Monday 23 March 2020.

Please take care during this period of grave uncertainty and heed the advice of the Governmental authorities. We wish you all the best.

REF: IMPORTANT: Cobden Primary School is bound by the Direction of the Department of Education and Training Victoria. The Update is in line with their extraordinary guidelines as at 23/03/2020.