

Be kind, be brave, be your best

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Principal's chat

Hi everyone,

We are now in our fifth week of **remote learning**. I'm hoping families are getting into the routine of this and that you are able to find a balance between work and play. It has been wonderful to see that the majority of our students are participating in video conferences throughout the week. During these conferences, there have been some dress up days, sharing of work and gaining feedback from others, working on goals and show and tell. **Please complete the survey below to give us feedback on how things are going with remote learning**, what is working well and what things we could improve on. Be honest, so that we can get the best out of this situation. Please complete the survey by the end of this week using this link <https://forms.gle/LNYET7UswkfW1Bdr8>. Thanks in advance. At this stage we will be continuing with remote and flexible learning for the remainder of the term. I will update you with any changes if they arise.

You only have until midnight tonight to access the Adam Fraser 'Striving Schools' webinar which focuses on how to help your children with struggle and discomfort. After watching this webinar, I found that it fits nicely with our School Wide Positive Behaviour framework. It is about not saving your children in the hard times, not creating a smooth path for your child, instead talking to them about the struggle, naming the emotions, discussing strategies/options available to them and making sure that they have ownership of what they do to get through this time. Adam Fraser talks about the 4H model (heart, head, hands, hi-five). **Struggle and discomfort creates learning, assists with mental health and with satisfaction in life. Here is the link to access the webinar:**

'Striving Schools' for Parents and Community webinar [\[Click HERE\]](#)

During remote learning our main form of communication with parents/carers is through uEducateUs. Please ensure you have the notifications turned on for uEducateUs, so that you get notified when an announcement comes through. These announcements should also go to your email. It is important that you read these communications to keep abreast of what is happening.

Two weeks ago we held our **August School Council Meeting** via Webex online. The online meetings have worked very well for everyone involved. In this meeting **I updated school council on the 'School Pride' soccer field project.** The soil test undertaken in June revealed that we need to remove and replace the soil before starting our project. The Department of Education will be covering the cost to remove and replace the soil. The project is now going out to tender and we are hoping that it will be finished by the end of the year.

This year the school's **Annual Implementation Plan is focused around maximising student learning growth in reading, writing and maths as well as improving student engagement in their learning.** The teachers have been undertaking professional learning in both writing and maths this term. **On Thursday 17th August and Friday 18th August we will be having Curriculum Days.** On these days, staff will undertake a full day of professional learning around Maths with Michael Minas, an educational consultant. Staff will also be using the time for planning for Term 4. On these two days, students will not be offered onsite supervision and there will not be remote learning. **It means that the school term finishes for our students on Wednesday 16th August.**

To improve student engagement in their learning, we want students to know where they are at in their learning, as well as knowing where they need to go next. Even though we are in remote and flexible learning, teachers are working hard to help students work on individual goals to improve themselves as learners. It has been great to see parents/carers helping students focus and work on their goals while learning.

Parent Teacher Interviews are offered twice yearly to families. Due to the current circumstances these have been delayed. Please keep an eye out for the parent teacher interview information.

Stay safe and well,

Alisa