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HOMENOTE

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Term 1 Week 11

7 April 2020

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thurs 9 Apr	Last Day of Term One
Tues 28 Apr	Students return Term Two OR Work Packs available from school hall

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you again for your ongoing support during this difficult time. It is our intention to continue to support this wonderful community in assisting our students as they continue their education in differing settings. One particular comment I want to make is that we do not expect you to become overnight teachers! Parents are asked to supervise their children while the lessons provided are completed but if your child is unable to complete a task, we have teachers at school who can answer questions via telephone and teachers are also available online for your child to contact. We will continue to provide lessons both online and in hard copy work packs. We absolutely understand that not everyone has up to date technology skills or equipment. Teachers are busy compiling work packs for next term in case the current situation remains unchanged. These work packs will be available for collection on Tuesday 28 April from 8.30am in the school hall. We will also add many more activities in our Google Classrooms that can be used to enhance lessons or, if you are looking for ideas, they can be used in holiday time. I also hope you like the books being read to the children by many of our teachers. We certainly enjoyed being part of this.

Parent/Teacher phone interviews were completed last week but if you missed a call, please phone the school office and request one. Teachers are keen to make contact with all families, especially at this time when we are missing our students. Rheese, our Aboriginal Education Officer has also made contact with numerous Aboriginal families but if you have not received a call from him, again, please contact the office.

Our new K-2 shelter is finally finished and ready for use, external painting of rooms is almost complete and the final new smartboards will be installed this week, all ready for when our fabulous students return.

I encourage you to check online for information re local ANZAC services. The 10am service at Woy Woy which we always participate in, has been cancelled but it would be nice if we all still recognise in some way, the sacrifices made by so many, on ANZAC Day, which falls in the school holidays. Talk to your children about why we celebrate ANZAC Day and maybe use a world map to locate various countries as a holiday activity.

May I suggest you use this time away from school to check your child's belongings, including jackets, school hat, lunch box and drink bottle, are labelled clearly with their name please?

Please find a couple of useful links below. The first is our Ettalong PS work from home hub;

<https://ettalong-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/learning-at-our-school/work-from-home-packs0.html>

The second link is a resource for parents and carers to support student success when learning remotely;

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/learning-from-home/advice-to-parents-and-carers>

I wish you all a very happy Easter and look forward to seeing everyone again very soon. Thank you again for your support, kindness and generosity as we all manoeuvre through this uncertain time. Stay alert, not alarmed. It's contagious, too.

Lynn Balfour

Principal

Some of our children working from Home

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