



Friday 10th April, 2020

Dear Parents,

COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) – TRANSITION TO HOME LEARNING FOR TERM 2

As I'm sure you would be aware, to help slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) the Victorian Government has announced that schools will be transitioning to remote learning when students return for Term Two on Wednesday 15th April.

From the start of Term 2, **all students that can learn from home must learn from home. This is a very clear directive from the Victorian Government based on the advice of the Chief Health Officer.** Children will only be able to attend school on days when they are not able to be supervised at home and no other arrangements for supervision can be made. **For working parents, this means that if you can work from home you must work from home. Again, this advice is very clear from the Victorian Government based on the advice of the Chief Health Officer.**

For the few children who may attend school, classes will not occur as normal. These students will be undertaking the same or similar activities to those who are learning from home and lessons may not be with their usual classroom teacher. I remind parents that Tuesday 14th April is a Student-Free Day and no students should be attending school on this day.

During this period most school staff will be working from home, with only a small number of staff on site at the school. As such, any parents who believe they may meet the criteria and need to send their child to school are asked to contact the school by phone on Tuesday 14th April. This is so that appropriate staffing arrangements can be made.

For Term 2, our school will be transitioning to remote learning to ensure continuity of learning for students. This will involve the students being provided with learning tasks from their teachers to be completed at home.

To begin the remote learning, we have created a home learning pack for each student. **We ask that parents collect these packs from the school between 9.00am–3.15pm on Tuesday 14th April.** If this does not suit, we ask that parents contact the school on Tuesday to make alternative arrangements.

Goornong PS will continue to follow advice from the Department of Education and Training in accordance with guidelines issued by the Department of Health and Human Services and other health authorities. We are monitoring regular updates from the Department of Education and Training and will continue to aim to keep our community informed as the need arises. The safety of our school community is paramount.

This is clearly going to be a challenging time for all of us. It's going to be critically important that we work very closely together to ensure that we provide the very best possible support for the ongoing wellbeing and learning of our students and your children.

In the coming days the school will provide further information on how remote learning will work at Goornong PS. Please feel free to contact me at the school on Tuesday 14th April if you have any questions.

I wish everyone a safe Easter and hope you enjoy spending time with your family.

Yours sincerely,



Jason Cox
Principal