



Sunday 18th July, 2021

Dear Parents,

RE: REMOTE LEARNING

Firstly, I wish to thank our school community for your support and cooperation as we transitioned to remote learning last week – once again I am extremely proud of our staff, students and parents for the resilience they have shown.

The purpose of this letter is to provide parents with further information regarding the coming week.

As you would be aware, the current lockdown is scheduled to end at midnight on Tuesday and the plan is for schools to return to on-site learning on Wednesday 21st July. We have our fingers crossed that everything goes to plan. Should anything change we will let you know.

For Monday 19th July and Tuesday 20th July remote learning will continue and the arrangements are:

- **All students that can learn from home must learn from home.** Only children whose parents are considered essential workers as listed, who cannot work from home and where no other supervision arrangements can be made, will be able to attend school during the lockdown.
- 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.
- 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 'essential worker' criteria and need to send their child to school are asked to contact the school on 5432 2236.** (Please leave a msg on the answering machine if the phone goes unanswered). This is so that appropriate staffing arrangements can be made. **Students should not attend on-site without parents having first contacted the school.**
- I understand that there may be some instances where you are called into work to cover a shift that was not planned, due to illness or high workplace demands. Please contact me if this occurs and at late notice you require your child to attend school.

The arrangements for remote learning on Monday and Tuesday are as follows:

All students in Grades 1-6 will require access to a computer and an internet connection if possible. Learning tasks and instructions will be assigned to students via Google Classroom. Each morning the students will need to sign in to their Google Classroom account to find out their learning tasks for the day. Please contact the school should you need your child's usernames and passwords for Google Classroom and other online applications. If you require access to a digital device or are having trouble accessing Google Classroom please call the school so we can make an alternative arrangement for your child.

The Grade Prep students have hard copy activities which Miss Mac has provided (unless an alternative plan has been arranged). Again, please contact Miss Mac if you need any further support with your child's tasks.

Class meetings will be held via Google Classroom with the classroom teachers at the following times:

Grade Prep-Two: 9.15am each day of remote learning.

Grade Three-Six: 10.00am each day of remote learning.

These meetings are accessed via Google Classroom and clicking on the 'meet' button.

It is an expectation that students complete their assigned learning tasks each day during remote learning; as well as continuing with their home reading and having an adult sign their home reading diary.

The best way to communicate with the school and individual teachers during remote learning is either by contacting the school on 5432 2236, or by emailing staff directly:

- Jason.Cox@education.vic.gov.au
- Sheridan.Patton@education.vic.gov.au
- Jane.Mcadam@education.vic.gov.au

We ask that parents contact teachers during school hours only 8.30am – 4.00pm.

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 keep our community informed as the need arises. The safety of our school community is paramount.

Please feel free to contact me at the school should you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,



Jason Cox

Principal