

15<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to Term 2. We are prepared and excited about learning from home, although it's something very new to us all. As expected, the morning did not go without a few hitches and already we are aware that some changes and adjustments will be necessary. However, we are all learning! Thank you to our families for your patience, support and positivity as we begin this different journey together.

Thank you also to all the staff at Sacred Heart who have worked hard over the last few weeks. They have been creative and fully invested in making this new way of learning a positive and meaningful experience for all. Please be patient as teachers fine tune what had been planned. Thank you also to Matt Cameron who organised the distribution of the Learning Packs.

We know Term 2 will be different for everyone. Your class teacher will have explained to you how work will be released. However, we are very aware that each household has their own challenges at this time and sometimes technology just does its thing! Flexibility is the key! Work can be completed at a time that is suitable for your family. We are not asking you to be the teacher, but rather support you child as best as you can so they stay connected and excited about learning.

Community has never been more important than at this time. We encourage students to stay connected to family, friends and teachers while learning from home. Some suggestions might be;

- Write a letter/ card to friends, family, their teacher and mail it
- Talk on the phone/ facetime their friends if appropriate

It is important for each of us to stay connected with our school community too. The fortnightly newsletter will continue. Parents will have any other necessary updates communicated through PAM, COVID-19 on the website, the app. and Facebook. If something exciting, or not so exciting is happening in your family we would still love to know. If you have any difficulties, questions or need support in any way, please phone the school and we will assist you in whatever way we can.

I have a few important reminders I'd like you to consider;

- If your child is sick or not participating in lessons on a particular day, please mark them absent on the school app as per usual
- If your child's class teacher is sick or unable to teach on a particular day you will be notified
- Only use phone or email to contact us as we cannot have parents on the school site.

We can't wait to have all our students and staff back at Sacred Heart but until then please remember we are here for each other and to help and support you and your children continue their learning.

Best wishes

Pauline Hindson

Principal