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Dear Families,

Earlier this morning, a message went out via Schoolzine which was from the NSW Department of Education in regards to holiday care for students. Please ensure that you take the time to read the information and complete the survey if you require care for your children during the holiday period. This care would be for essential workers so that service provision can be maintained.

Today we had 20 students attend school. It is concerning that a number of parents are choosing to send their children to school even though they are staying at home themselves throughout the day. We realise that for some family's alternate child support structures are not available, however with the heightened risk of illness being transmitted between people of all ages isolation really remains the best option.

Whilst I have not heard of any COVID-19 cases in our immediate school community, I am aware of cases of flu and whooping cough that have struck some families. We wish them the speediest recovery and hope that they soon back to being 100%.



Please do not become stressed if your child is struggling with the work being provided by their teacher. Remember that we should not be expecting kids to be working flat out for 6 hours straight; nor should we be expecting you to be teaching new concepts to students. If you have questions please ensure that you ask via SeeSaw to gain clarification.

If you have requested a work pack please ensure that you collect it from the front of the Office building. A collection station has been set up to assist with ease of collection.

Our staff have participated in a bit of social-isolation fun today with today being declared 'PJ Wednesday'. There were some surprised faces on students this morning when they were greeted by their teacher's in pyjamas.

Next week would have been our Easter Hat parade – well obviously that's not going ahead. However, we would like to invite all families to still make an Easter Hat creation and send through a photo **by 3pm Tuesday afternoon** which will make into a movie which we will share with everyone. This activity is optional and the finished product **will be on our social media platforms**. Please ensure that there is no inappropriate sign, words or objects in the backgrounds of your photos (trust me it's happened before).

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Have a great day everyone and stay positive. We can either look at this period of time as a hindrance and burden or we can embrace the opportunity to spend quality time together doing things that we put off... not sure if a day long game of Monopoly or three sittings of 'Frozen II' counts as quality time???

Mr David Crowe (aka 'Grumpy')