



Covid-19 – Monday 23 March 2020 Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you would be aware, the situation regarding school operation continues to fluctuate on a regular basis. Gillieston Public School is still operating as much as normal as can be expected. Our doors remain open for children to attend face to face lessons.

Staff at Gillieston Public School are working to develop a practical range of options for students that will not be attending school on a daily basis. The main focus on educational delivery for these students will be through electronic formats such as See Saw & various educational apps. The supply of photocopied worksheets is not practical in many regards, however can be organised upon request.

It is important that families, where possible, engage with the See Saw app. I have asked staff to contact families directly who have not yet engaged through this messaging platform to ascertain what issues may be interfering.

We are aiming to be able to offer an educational plan for all classes commencing Wednesday morning. These educational plans will have sessions focused on literacy and numeracy as well as project or topic focused learning activities. We are compiling a list of quality educational apps and websites which students may find engaging whilst at home. To assist your child's learning it may be worth considering collecting some basic resources to have at home including:

- Whiteboard markers and a suitable surface which students can use
- A workbook to complete tasks in
- Playing cards, dice, counters which may be useful for maths
- A book for reading leisure
- Access to craft resources (\$2 shop) such as pipe-cleaners, textas, coloured paper, cotton wool, etc – everyday bits around the house

Please keep in mind that learning does not always occur in structured lessons and by following worksheets or text books. Learning through doing things such as cooking, growing plants and arts & crafts can be very valuable.

If you do opt to keep your child at home please remember to contact the school office so that we are aware of this decision. We would ask that you either use the See Saw or Schoolzine app or phone the office **after 9:30am** or even better the afternoon before.

At this point of time, our canteen facilities will **not** be operational for the remainder of the school term.

Additionally, due to lack of supplies, our Breakfast Club program has had to cease at this time.

We will endeavour to keep you updated on what is occurring in regards to the school as situations develop.

Regards

David Crowe – Rel. Principal