

13. Holiday Update #1

Stay Safe. Stay Home. Stay Connected.

Dear Families,

As we 'slowly' creep towards the second week of these unique school holidays, we trust our families are keeping their distance, staying safe and connected despite this unprecedented period of isolation. At this stage, we are seeking greater clarity on what the commencement of Term 2 might look like for our children, families and staff. Whilst we are prepared to deliver a remote program, we still await a directive from the State Government in relation to the availability of school for children of essential workers. Please be assured our intent will be to notify all families the moment more information comes to hand, so we ask for your patience and understanding until further notice.

In the meantime, the teachers continue to develop and refine programs for both 'in-school' and remote learning, should this eventuate. The responsibility for your child's school education is still ours, and we do not expect our parents to design a home schooling curriculum. We will implement a structured and consistent system to deliver a program that is specifically designed for Term 2 and your child's class.

We encourage families to be cautious and not to buy into all the marketing and promotions regarding 'home schooling' for children. As mentioned above, we do not expect parents to 'home school', the learning we design will follow Victorian Curriculum guidelines, adhering to scope and sequences for key learning areas. Rest assured, we will take care of this.

Along with the packs already sent home, when the time comes, your children will receive all they need from us. We are well resourced with learning materials ready to go.

Until then, we continue to celebrate the children's hard work for Term 1 and gently remind all our families it is still the holidays, so please let them rest and adjust to the new norm for the time being.

We very much miss our community, so take care and trust we will be in touch in the coming days.

Simon, Claire and Sarah

For now, our thoughts and prayers remain with our most isolated and inspiring members of the community, the grandparents and health care professionals. We thank you for the remarkable work you are doing and sincerely hope that you can draw upon the love and care from all within the St. Joseph's community during these challenging times.