



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Andrew Felsing

Dear Community,

My hope is that you and your family and extended families are all safe and well. This is a very stressful time for us all, with many families struggling not only with the threat of COVID-19 but also with limited employment/income and those normal social opportunities. For many of us this latest round of restrictions has prevented many of us from visiting or spending time with our wider family. Not being able to see my children this time round is particularly stressful. We know these restrictions are temporary and if we all do the right thing, hopefully the restrictions could be lifted sooner rather than later. We watch the daily new cases tally with hope.



### **REMOTE LEARNING #2**

Our staff have planned and implemented a very effective teaching and learning model for Remote Learning #2. Today we had nearly 100% attendance in many of the classes. Parents need to be aware that if your child does not log into their class for the day you will receive an absence notification as per DET policy. The teachers have all reported that this explicit teaching session is enabling them to get a clearer picture of where each child is with their learning. It is more in line with what we would be doing if your child was in their classroom at school. I have been able to drop into many of these classes and I have been impressed with the enthusiasm and engagement of our students. Our website and Sentral have all of the support documents and materials. This includes the How to guides which are what parents and students should access first before contacting the school. Our Admin team have been extremely helpful in supporting families to access their child's learning however in many instances parents would have been able to do it themselves if they accessed these how to guides. Attached to this news letter are some helpful hints from our teachers to help your child achieve greater success with Remote learning. Remember if you are having any difficulties with the Remote Learning program to email the school [bar-ton.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:bar-ton.ps@education.vic.gov.au).

### **CARE & SUPERVISION PROGRAM**

Please remember that the State government guide-lines are still in place. If your child can stay at home THEY MUST. We have a small group of staff volunteering each day to facilitate this program. Please respect this and ensure that if you can care for your child at home then they are to stay home. Children at school complete the Remote Learning Tasks as per what students at home would be completing.

### **KEEPING SICK KIDS AT HOME**

Parents are reminded that if your child is unwell or showing any cold or flu like symptoms like a runny nose or sore throat, they should not be sent to school. This is to ensure not only the general well being of that child but also the safety of other students and staff at the school. Your co-operation and understanding with this will be greatly appreciated.



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## REPORTS

Your child's Semester One report was made available on Sentral at the end of last week. Please make sure you access this report and read it prior to organizing a Parent– Teacher interview. If you have any difficulties accessing your child's report please contact the office via email [barton.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:barton.ps@education.vic.gov.au).

## MASKS

As per DHHS guidelines we are all wearing masks while working at the school in communal areas. Some teachers although not required to, are wearing their mask with my support, while teaching. If you are visiting our school, please make sure you are wearing your mask.

## EMAIL ASSISTANCE

As mentioned in several places in this newsletter, if you require assistance with any aspect of your child's learning please send us an email. [barton.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:barton.ps@education.vic.gov.au).

This ensures that we can direct your concern to the most appropriate person to be addressed

## TIPS PAGE

Please see the following page for teacher Tips#1