

# ST. BERNARD'S NEWS LETTER

Principal's Report

Term 1 - Week 8 - 27th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

There is now a clear message from the government regarding school attendance: from Monday 30 March keep your children at home with you, unless it is essential that you send them to school.

Essential reasons include that you work in healthcare or allied industries, food production or supermarkets, education, or that your children could only be left in the care of vulnerable sectors of the community, including the elderly or the immunocompromised.

From Monday, you must provide a written explanation for why your child needs to attend school. There will be no explanation required for children not attending. Please contact me for clarification if necessary.

St Bernard's will move to remote delivery of learning from Monday 30 March and you will receive details of that either today (Friday 27 March) or Monday via email. There will be some materials which will need to be picked up from school, and you will be advised when these are ready. Staff will be working to assist and support you and your children during this time.

Term 1 now officially ends on Friday 3 April.

Children of essential workers can attend school until Thursday 9 April, with a written explanation for why they must attend. Support for remote learning for those attending school will be provided next week and then supervision only will be provided from Monday 6 April to Thursday 9 April.

Staff will remain at school until Thursday 9 April preparing for remote delivery of learning in Term Two. We do not know how long we will need to provide remote learning for children.

Now, more than ever, we require parents to be partners with us in the education of your children. *It is essential that we keep all children's learning on track during this time, so that no ground is lost for when we return to school in the future.*

St Bernard's staff are preparing a meaningful, targeted and levelled remote learning package for each student that will assist you to keep your child's learning on track, with the support of our teachers. *Your routine at home must change in order for this learning to work for your children and I ask that you consider the following:*

- *Committing to three hours of structured learning each day, Monday to Friday, as provided by our teachers*
- *Supporting your children with your time and attention during this learning*
- *Creating a space for this learning to take place in your home, each day if necessary*
- *Working with our teachers to enable monitoring and assessment of your children's work*
- *Enabling your children to work with our teachers on Fridays once a week as they make contact via email, phone or video conference*

*At this time, children will benefit from familiar routines and structure and I urge you to put this in place with our remote learning package.*

Beyond this structured learning provided by school, I encourage you to make the most of this time at home with your children: cook together, build cubby houses, play cards and board games, go for walks in your garden or on the farm, read books, exercise together and do chores. These activities are all very necessary, but they are not learning in the formal sense and I cannot stress enough that they will not replace the learning provided by our teachers in the remote learning packages. *Please support your children in their formal learning during the time ahead.*

I would like to extend my most sincere thanks to one and all of our St Bernard's staff members who have worked so hard in such stressful times. They are truly amazing and we are so lucky to have them. I will not mention anyone individually, but I would like to say how proud and touched I am by the way that they have all supported each other, me, the students and our families at this time.

Finally, thank you to you, our parents. Your patience and support throughout this time has allowed us to keep working and to provide the best learning for your children at the time it is needed. We are here to support you through the coming weeks and months and I encourage you to keep in touch.

Together we will get through this and emerge a stronger, more united community. I look forward to the day when I can welcome you all back to our beautiful little school.

In the meantime, take care of yourselves and your children, and others in our community and wider world. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

God Bless,  
Sharon

## *Tennis Coaching*

This term we have been lucky to have Mr Justin Maguire, assisted by Mrs Marinoni, and Mrs Young in delivering tennis coaching to all year groups. Many smiles and laughs have been had with fun games and skill sessions to assist students with this terrific game.



Please visit our [Website](#) and [Gallery](#) for more pictures.

# Birthday messages

**LETS CELEBRATE  
- HIP HIP HOORAY! -**

DEEKIN TUNUI	- MARCH 25TH
RUBEN STANSBURY	- MARCH 25TH
CHEVIN NOONAN	- MARCH 30TH
JACK SIBLEY	- APRIL 16TH
HUDSON BELLOTTI	- APRIL 24TH
LANZ VILORIA	- APRIL 24TH



**THANKYOU TO OUR WONDERFUL P & F FOR THE  
EASTER EGG TREATS PROVIDED TO STUDENTS TODAY.**