

# ST. BERNARD'S

## A Letter from Mrs Marino

### Term 1, Week 9

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a big week it has been. My congratulations to you all for taking on the mammoth task of remote learning with your children. I understand that this is not an easy task, as life goes on with your normal responsibilities of caring for children, home duties, farm duties, and external employment. Unfortunately, these times find us having to work in this space and I thank you for taking this on board so that your children can continue to make progress with their learning.

I greatly appreciate the work our teachers and staff have done to support you and to prepare learning that is meaningful, authentic and directed as much as possible to each student's point of need. Everyone has worked incredibly hard for the benefit of our students and it has been heart-warming to see the care and concern of our staff for all children this week.

Today teachers have been making contact with all families to hear feedback on this, our first week of remote learning. Thank you for your feedback which will help to inform our planning moving into Term Two. While holidays begin today, a week early for students, staff will be working next week to discuss, revise, plan and implement remote learning moving forwards. Staff will also be providing supervision for students whose parents are working in essential services, who have no other option for care, and/or who would be in the care of people in at-risk categories, such as grandparents.

### Useful Links

The following links are provided by Be You website and may be useful:

<https://www.beyondblue.org.au/the-facts/looking-after-your-mental-health-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak>

<https://emergingminds.com.au/resources/supporting-children-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/>

<https://helpingminds.org.au/>

At this stage we do not know what Term Two will bring in regards to school, but we expect to be in remote delivery mode for at least the first few weeks. I will keep you posted.

I hope your holidays can be an enjoyable and fulfilling time, even in these difficult days. I encourage you to find the silver lining and share this with your children. My house feels smaller and is definitely louder with three big children back in residence, but the silver lining is our 'jobs roster' from their childhood days has been resurrected back to its home on the kitchen fridge - and now they're all grown up there are no excuses for shoddy work! Also, family card nights are happening again.

Take care and God Bless,

*Mrs Marino*