

Principal's Message

Term 1 Week 10 - 1st April 2020

I'm currently writing this week's Newsletter while sitting at my dining table typing on my laptop, as I like many in Australia, are working from home. The last few weeks have truly been unprecedented times in many facets of our lives – and Education and Teaching is no exception. I have had many mixed feelings over the last few weeks, myself and all our staff are truly missing seeing our students each day and teaching in our classrooms. On the other hand, I have been totally blown away by the resilience and ability to think outside the square from our students and parents to keep the continuity of learning happening from the home front. It has been so exciting to see the snaps from the home learning environment and fills us with joy to see our KSPS kids showing their strength in the face of adversity. I personally want to thank our amazing parents and carers for accommodating and assisting our staff to deliver their lessons and keep learning happening at home you are all doing an incredible job! Please have a look at some of the great photos shared with us in this edition of the newsletter and on our Facebook page.

I would also like to acknowledge ALL the hard-working staff KSPS staff. Over the last few weeks, we have had to change and adapt to remote learning, our staff have been collaborating like champions, undertaking video-conferencing, completing hours of professional learning and reading and re-designing our teaching and learning curriculum to ensure all student have access to a high quality and inclusive education. This has been a huge undertaking by all, thank you!

As communicated last Friday, our staff are currently engaging with a flexible working roster which allows our school to maintain and adhere to correct social distancing and working from home requirements. The school will still be staffed everyday and our doors remain open, but please follow advice from our Premier and Department of Education that home is the safest place for your child to be. With this, please be assured that you can contact the school with any questions in the usual ways, 5 days a week during school hours.

It's difficult to foresee exactly how school operations will look in the near and distant future, however we will continue to provide high quality educational programs for your children. We are looking to move more to an online delivery as this will best facilitate student/teacher engagement and are planning to support resourcing in this area, however we need as many families to complete our remote learning survey before we can put any plans in place. In the interim, please be assured that paper-copies of learning packs will be provided where need be.

I want to emphasise the importance of your child engaging and 'checking in' with their teacher and class. This is currently being facilitated by our classroom teachers in the form of daily check-in posts on their respective Google classroom. If your child isn't engaging online, our teachers are making phone calls to check-in and assist in any way we can. Schools are still responsible for student attendance, including students learning from home, please support your child in this area by answering phone calls from the school and assisting them access their online classrooms. If you have any concerns, please contact the school.

Thanks again for your ongoing support and remember to stay safe,

Phil Lindsell (Relieving Principal)



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Teaching from Home







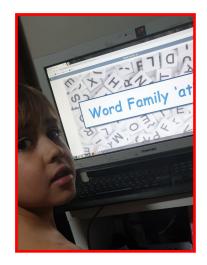


















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IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING COVID 19

- Late arrival process for students still having to attend school remains the same, students who are late must be signed in by parent/carer by access through King Street gate only.
- Parent access to school grounds is restricted. Entry is via King Street gate only.
- Easter Raffle postponed until further notice.
- Our Mother's Day Stall is cancelled.
- Cracker Night is postponed until further notice.
- School ANZAC Day Service cancelled.

Mr Lindsell has made a tutorial demonstrating how to access Google Classroom. Follow the following link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Ine4c1YorhgAv9XQmBKH0BqLA5eSWfjQ/view

Our King Street Public School Webpage now has a 'Home Learning' tab which accesses school work that was supplied in our class work packs that were accessible to families last week.

KSPS will keep updating our families on our Webpage, Facebook Page and School App as information comes through in regards to all events.

Thank you for your support at this time.

Protect yourself from viruses



Clean your hands with soap and water, or hand sanitiser.



Cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze.



Avoid close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms.



Stay home if you are sick.



Find the facts

health.nsw.gov.au/coronavirus

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