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NEWSLETTER

Principals Report

Principals word of the week: *Contagion*

Hello everyone to what feels like a very strange end to the term. Hopefully, by now you have all heard the announcements of what is happening next term. Schools will shift completely to online learning / remote learning for term 2. This is no surprise to us, and hopefully you, given we have been working towards this for the last 3 weeks by preparing online resources and testing them with our students. Families who still need to attend work, and need their child to be supervised, there will be more information coming about how to apply for this through a hub school. This may or may not be our school, depending on the demand and the areas where people live and work who require this service. It will not be teaching and learning at these hubs however, just a supervised environment for students to engage with online schooling.

If you are unable to connect to the internet, and have not let us know, do so as soon as possible. The directorate will be providing us with the resources to support all families without internet access just prior to or at the start of term 2.

I have attached to the newsletter email the message from our Education Directorate outlining the details of term 2 so far.

Thanks for your patience during this time it has been tough for us all. We will try to connect with families at the very least

each week and we do expect some two-way interaction from each student and family so that we know our students are still connected with the school for when we eventually return.

I want to say at this point, you are doing an outstanding job with your kids and students at home. I know you are not trained for this, but are doing the best you can while often juggling your own work and home commitments. We have deliberately used the term Learning at Home, not Home Schooling because that means you are the teacher when you are just facilitating the space and resources needed for the provided learning materials. That does not mean that your young people can't engage with you and the home. This might be a golden opportunity to give them a chance to improve their life skills of cooking, keeping the house in order, gardening and exploring the home design and budget. It also might be a chance to have discussions about you, your work and your family history. Discussions and different views about ideas on current local happenings right up to world politics, geography and history are other opportunities this time may bring.

We also have created a resource for you. [Click here](#) on the link to the Parent Portal to have questions answered, what the expectations are for your students and the suggested timetable of activities through the day. There are also some advice sheets for learning at home, and other resources you may find useful.

Now, some good news stories. Our staff have been working hard but, as I mentioned last time, so have some of our students on keeping connections through a couple of youtube/podcasts, podcasts, Instagram and youtube channels. Check out the latest on each link below. We also had some messages from our families of support for our staff which has meant so much.

In other news, we found a turtle wandering outside our canteen. We put her in a box and named her chips (after the chip box she was put in) and our resident reptile wrangler Holly Perriman took her to be rehomed. Here is the video of chips in her new home. She's currently at the Kambah branch of Reptiles Inc



Over the Easter break, our staff will be taking a well-earned break and so will not be creating resources, marking lessons or providing feedback to students. We ask you to do the same with your children at home and give them a break before term 2 starts

on Tuesday 28 April.

Lastly, we miss you all but stay home, stay safe and look after each other.

LINKS

Parent Portal:

<https://sites.google.com/ed.act.edu.au/kingsfordsmithschool/home>

Podcast:

KS-FM: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=332U_UfKwsY

Coco and Mr Luck: bit.ly/CocoLuck

YouTube:

Last Friday drive by

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SbAwrff2fn8&feature=youtu.be>

Video link:

Chips the turtle:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1lhWngwmljxl4xTuOgvArCUptwFA-H13B>

Youth Centre

We hope that you are well during this challenging time. While the Youth Centre is closed, the Belconnen Youth Team is open and available online and over the phone.

With so much uncertainty at this point in time we will be keeping everyone up to date about the Youth Centre over email and on our social media pages, Facebook and Instagram.

To see what's happening at the Youth Centre please use the link below and if you would like to continue to receive updates please use the subscribe button at the top left of the screen,

<https://mailchi.mp/56e9f0881497/belconnen-youth-centre-covid-19-updates-1585401>

We will be releasing a more comprehensive update around Youth Centre programs in the coming weeks, please feel free to pass on this link to staff and families you work with.

Year 3

Hello from the year 3 team.

We have had a crazy few weeks and are moving into the world of online learning. Please make sure that you log on to Google classroom with your child and have a look at the online learning. The year 3 team has created a hyper slide that has a variety of tasks for our children to complete as we make the transition to learning from home. The three main assessment tasks, that we would like your children to hand in by the last day of the term, include a persuasive piece of writing, a google slide about a state in Australia and the science task of classifying living and non-living things.

We are adjusting to a new way of delivering learning to your children for next term. Please email or call your child's teacher if you have any questions or issues during this transition.

Stay safe and happy in the holidays and see you on google hangouts in term 2.

Miss Brotchie, Miss Aniya, Mr V, Miss Jennie.