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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Let me start by saying that whatever emotions you are feeling about the extension of lockdown and learning from home for another 4 weeks your feelings are valid and completely acceptable. There is no “normal” through a pandemic and my staff and I are feeling the same emotions alongside you.

Just as there are no “normal feelings,” there is also no “handbook for schools” and so we thank you for your patience while we continue to fine-tune our delivery of education packages to best suit parents and students.

You would be aware that the message from the NSW Health and the Department of Education is that unless there are no other options for the care of children, due to work commitments, parents must keep their children at home. We continue to thank you for your ongoing support of this stay at home order.

Packages of Work - Week 4

These will be available for collection from outside the hall on **Monday 2 August from 9am-3pm**. All work packages will be for 1-week duration. We ask that you bring your package from the previous week regardless of whether it is completed to allow for teachers to mark and give feedback to families.

Stage 3 students will continue to access their work through Google Classrooms. If you would prefer to have your Stage 3 child complete printed work this will be available for collection at the time stated above.

As we have been asked to further minimise people on school grounds (including staff, students, and families) we ask that wherever possible you collect the packs **during this time** only.

Phone Calls by Teachers

Due to feedback that we received from families in our 2020 communication survey, teachers have been spending a large portion of their week calling families and offering support. As the lockdown continues teachers may ask to speak to your child and hear them read or give feedback on some of their completed work.

We understand that some families may be receiving several calls over a week and have been finding this quite overwhelming. Please let your child's class teacher know if you would prefer to be called a reduced number of times. We are happy to work with your preference to best support your child.

Family Wellbeing

As the lockdown continues to place additional stress on families please take some time to take care of yourself. As I have mentioned before, the relationship that you have with your children and your loved ones is what will form lasting memories. Have your child complete whatever work they can - if it all becomes too stressful, walk away, press reset and give it a go at another time (or banish it to the "never to be seen in this house again" table).

If it makes you feel any better, my 7-year-old continues to question if I am a "real teacher" and has even suggested that I should consider a change in career paths!

Take care



Rebecca Wild
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