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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



REMOTE LEARNING AND STUDENTS ON SITE

We are very much looking forward to seeing the F-2 students at school next Tuesday 26 May to return to face-to-face learning. **Please note that on Monday 25 May, there is a Pupil Free Day for all students so that we can prepare for on-site learning.** On Tuesday 9 June, students in Years 3-6 return to face-to-face learning and the remote learning model will cease.

While the Chief Health Officer has advised that **students will not be required to maintain physical distancing at school**, there will be several important changes to our school operations, consistent with health advice.

These include:

Student Entry: The Foundation – Year 2 students will enter the school as normal through the doors adjacent the library. Staff members will supervise this entry point in the morning and help students sanitise their hands before going to their classroom.

Hygiene stations: There will be hygiene stations located at every entry point and in every classroom.

Sanitiser/wipes: Sanitiser and wipes will be supplied for each classroom and at designated areas around the school.

Cleaning: Cleaning is taking place every school day with extra attention given to high touch surfaces. Surfaces and resources, such as books and stationery, will regularly be wiped with disinfectant.

Student Personal Hygiene: Signs and posters are located around the school reminding students of good hygiene habits. These include:

- Reminding students to wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds and using hand sanitiser when entering school and at regular intervals throughout the day, particularly before and after eating and after going to the toilet.
- Covering coughs and sneezes with one's elbow or a tissue.
- Placing used tissues straight into the bin.
- Avoiding touching one's eyes, nose and mouth.

Water taps/bubblers: No drinking from bubble taps. Students will be able to re-fill their water bottles from the taps in each classroom.

Class ventilation: Doors and/or windows (weather permitting) will remain open to increase fresh air flow in the rooms.

Sports equipment: Sports equipment will be cleaned at the end of lunch.

Attendance on-site: The most important action we must take to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 is to ensure that any unwell staff, children and young people remain at home.

As the main risk of transmission in the school environment is between adults, it is important that visitors to school grounds are limited to those delivering or supporting essential school services. We must be mindful of the mingling of adults and avoid these situations if possible. Staff are currently adhering to social distancing measures at school of keeping 1.5 metres apart. Parents will also need to abide by social distancing. **Adults are to remain in their vehicles at drop off and pick up times.** Staff will supervise and direct students during these times.

Where possible, adults are not to enter the school building. If you must enter the building via the front office, please ensure it is only a short visit. Only one family will be permitted in the building at a time and must follow hygiene and social distancing measures. **If an individual, child or adult, is unwell they must not enter the building.** Communication via phone, email or Seesaw is preferable. We realise this is somewhat unnatural, especially as we value the sense of community and connection at St John's – hopefully this will not be the case for too much longer.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and co-operation in implementing these actions.

Child Safety...

For ideas on how to manage screen time, health and wellbeing, visit the following site

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/learning/Pages/home-learning-screentime-wellbeing.aspx>



St. John's Lutheran Primary School is a Child Safe School



WEEK 5—RECIPIENTS

Foundation/Year 1

- ☺ Amber Hein
- ☺ Ava Alexander

Year 1/2

- ☺ Noah Hill
- ☺ Fynn Treble

Year 3/4

- ☺ Zali Bottrall
- ☺ James Hunter
- ☺ Jai Wombwell

Year 4/5/6

- ☺ Aisha Harris
- ☺ Cruz Smith



BIRTHDAYS FOR THIS WEEK

MAY

- 20 Scarlett Spencer

Devotion...

ORDINARY DAYS

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5

Some of your days are full of action, adventure, and challenge. Other days are...well, ordinary. But don't let yourself be bored. Choose to be thankful for quiet days, and then use them to spend extra time with Me.



Invite Me into your everyday tasks. Do everything as if you were doing it for Me ... yes, even making the bed, finishing up your homework, and all the other ordinary stuff of life. And through it all, enjoy simply being in My company.

When you go through the activities of your day side-by-side with Me, My Life becomes woven together with yours. This means you and I are so closely connected that My own Life flows into you—and through you into the world around you. And that is the real secret of having a joy-filled life—even on ordinary days.

READ ON YOUR OWN: Colossians 3:23; Psalm 105:4

Taken from "Jesus Calling—365 Devotions for Kids" by Sarah Young

STORY OF THE WEEK

Read or view the video at www.lca.org.au/sow



Story of the Week

Sharing the chance to say goodbye

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