



## WEEK 4 UPDATE

Last week the NSW Premier made the announcement that the current lock down would continue for a further four weeks. While this is not the news that any of us had hoped for, I'm sure for most of us the news of an extension came as no huge surprise. Having said that, the news will also no doubt come with many challenges for students, families and staff, as what started out as one week of home learning became three weeks and has now turned into seven weeks.

As we move forward into uncharted territory, it is important to remember to keep things in perspective, so I would like to reinforce the following four key points that are vitally important for parents and carers to remember:

1. Be flexible with your times. Learning from home does not always have to align with the hours of a regular school day.
2. Students may not get through all the work – and that's ok! As long as students are continuing to learn, the amount of time spent is flexible and wellbeing should be prioritised.
3. Reach out to your child's teacher if you need advice or support.
4. Remember to look after yourself - you're important too!

### **Additionally, tomorrow we will be sending a “Parent/Student Learning from Home Survey – 2021.”**

Now that we have been in this mode of learning for three weeks and have a significant time ahead of us, we would like honest feedback on how our students and families are coping, what is going well and what could be improved. Please take the time in the coming days to complete the survey. It will be helpful in ensuring we are providing the best possible support.

I would like to again offer my sincere thanks and appreciation to our parents who are going above and beyond each and every day. Please be kind to yourself and proud of what you are achieving, in the most trying of times.

Please also pass on my genuine thanks to your wonderful children who are having to endure a world that they shouldn't. It is with great admiration that I am seeing and hearing of how they are coping. We know it's not easy, and that they are desperately missing their friends and the routine and structure of



school, but I want to acknowledge their ability to adjust and take on all challenges that have been placed in front of them.

Our staff continue to work tirelessly and I value the huge workload that they are completing at this time. They are not only supporting student and family wellbeing, but also working through their own personal challenges in this situation. It is with great appreciation that I acknowledge their dedication to their role and those they support.

Finally, please remember that we are all in this together and while we may be feeling isolated at this time, please know that we are only a phone call or email away, should you need support.

Take care and stay safe.

Tim Fisher  
Principal