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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is lovely to see some spring sunshine and warmer weather to finish off the term. It certainly has been a long one. As yet, the guidelines for return to onsite schooling have not been released but when they are, I will let you know what it means for us all. At this stage, we are planning for all students to return on-site on Monday the 12th of October. This will not alter unless we are directed to do otherwise.

Celebrate

A big shout out to our students who have done an amazing job throughout this second period of remote learning. Teachers are reporting that the majority of students are submitting work and participating in class zooms. Students need to be congratulated on their commitment to their learning. In addition to this, thank you to our families for all the support that you have given us to ensure that your child/children have continued their engagement and learning. We realise, that for many of you, juggling your own lives and ensuring that your child/children continue to learn is a big challenge. Let's hope this is the last time that this is asked of us all.

I would also like to acknowledge the work that staff have done over this period of remote learning. In many cases, managing their own child/children's education at home whilst working. Many staff also have young families at home.

We have tried to bring some fun to the situation and I hope this has helped you and your family. A big thank you to Mrs Pelly for putting together the Speci Dance Crew's video and also, Mrs Jacobs for organising today's disco.

Pupil Free Day

Next Friday is a proposed pupil free day. Out of Hours School Care will be running on this day for those families needing care for their child/children whilst they attend work. It was planned to have Rob Vingerhoets working with the staff on mathematics, but because of restrictions this can no longer go ahead. This day will now be used to plan for term four and the return of students to on-site learning. There is another planned pupil free day for the 2nd of November when Rob will work with staff. He will also be coming into the school on the 16th of November to model in classrooms. Rob is highly regarded in the field of maths education.

Premier Reading Challenge/ Library Books/Reading Material

Mrs Young has continued to purchase new books for the library over this period of remote learning. The library has been transformed and we are even looking at purchasing new shelving to hold the additional books.

Please encourage your child to complete the Premier's Reading Challenge. Practise does make progress and having children clocking up reading miles is one of the best ways we can all support children's education at this time.

Baby Guessing Competition

All families/students who submitted an entry in this competition will receive a free lunch from the canteen. That is, one main and a drink. On return to school a voucher will be issued to these students. The winning entry came from Augie W's family with 16 teacher's baby photo's correctly identified. On return to school Augie will receive the \$20 canteen voucher.

Lego Challenge

All students who are submitting pictures of their lego creations will be going into a raffle for a box of lego. So keep these creations coming in please.

There definitely is some light at the end of this long tunnel. Enjoy your weekend.

Wendy Jackson

(Principal)