

St Michael's Parish School

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As we approach our remote learning for Term Three, I want to thank you again for all of your support over this very challenging period. As a school community we are here to support you, so please reach out to us if we can support you in any way.

We have some students who will be completing their remote learning onsite, as well as students completing it from home. To minimise the risk of congregation at any of our entrances and to ensure the safety of everyone, we will be continuing with staggered drop off and pick up times for students attending school. Families who have students in Red and Yellow sporting houses are asked to drop off their children between 8:30am and 8:45am and pick up their children between 3:00pm and 3:15pm. Families who have students in Blue and Green sporting houses are asked to drop off their children between 8:45am and 9:00am and pick up their children between 3:15pm and 3:30pm.

Our High Street and Morotai Avenue entrances will be open for drop off and pick up, and similar to the end of Term Two, only students will be able to come onto our school site. All students attending school will be temperature checked each morning as they arrive. If a student has a high temperature, his/her parents will be rung and he/she will need to go home. All students completing their learning onsite are also required to bring a water bottle with them each day. Any students who have borrowed a device from the school are also asked to bring this with them. All sanitising and cleaning procedures that we had in place during Term Two will continue throughout this period.

After reflecting on our own learning from remote learning as well as parent feedback we have made some changes and introduced new ways of working with our students for this period. All of our students will be able to access Google Classrooms using the following codes:

- ★ Prep - **uorqhae**
- ★ One/Two - **3ncpcgb**
- ★ Year Three/Four - **cp3dpyi**
- ★ Year Five/Six - **b7fuemp**

These are the same classrooms that were used during our remote learning in Term Two for our Year One to Year Six students. This term, we have introduced a Prep Google Classroom. Our specialist lessons can now be accessed through our year level classrooms. The links for each of our morning Meets will be listed on our Classroom pages. Our morning check ins will commence at:

- ★ Prep - 10:00am each morning
- ★ One/Two - 9:30am each morning
- ★ Year Three/Four - 9:30am each morning
- ★ Year Five/Six - 9am each morning

Your child's classroom teacher has sent an email in relation to the times for other Google Meets during Week Two. From Week Three, Monday 27th of July, we will be introducing additional Google Meets for Writing and Maths. These sessions will involve our teachers being live on Meets and teaching explicit skills. These Meets are designed to support our students in additional areas and to also support them to further connect with their teachers and peers. Times for each of these additional Meets will be shared with families during next week.

All of our Prep and Year One/Two students have access to resource packs that will support their online learning. These packs include a writing book, chalk, cards and number charts. These resources are to be used when our students are online with our teachers. They will be guided to use certain resources at certain times. These packs will be updated on a fortnightly basis, however we will have new packs available for collection next Friday 24th July. The resources in this second pack will support our students' learning in Weeks Three and Four.

Each year level will also be providing feedback to our students in the same manner during this remote learning period. Each day a piece of work on our Google Classroom will have an image or word added to it which will identify the piece of work that our teachers will be providing feedback on for that day. All students will receive this feedback via Google Classrooms within a 24 hour period.

As our remote learning continues, we will continue to reflect and make adjustments as required. The introduction of our additional Meets for all students, resource packs for our Junior students and structured feedback are all designed to further support the learning needs of all of our students.

Please keep safe and well during this challenging time and I look forward to "seeing" all of our students through their Google Meets.

Kind regards,

Meredith Bennett
Principal