

# Learning at Home



Whilst we have always known that most learning happens at home, for a while it is going to be that all learning happens at home! This is new to all of us and things will change along the way. Both adults and children are going to learn lots of new skills.

I have outlined some suggestions below that hopefully will make learning at home a little easier and even include some fun.

## ➤ Children work well with routines-

- Set up an area at home that is the 'classroom', just need a small table and chair
- Set chunks of time that are learning time, times that suit the family schedule
- As a guide younger students should spend a minimum of 1 -2 hours on the more formal activities whilst older students will need to spend 2 -3 hours doing this
- Might even be a good idea to wear the school uniform for learning time
- Include breaks for snacks, drinks and physical activity
- Be flexible, routines may need to change on some days

## ➤ The curriculum-

- We remain responsible for providing the material students need to learn
- All students will be provided with fortnightly work packages
- Packages will include some paper and some online activities
- In the first package students will receive details about how to log on and use Reading Eggs and Mathletics. These are excellent self-paced, individual learning programs which will supplement the work provided by teachers
- I have already sent an email to all families which included many additional activities for students and families. Please yourself how and when you use these

## ➤ Helping your children-

- As much as possible be strict with the routines you establish
- Encourage your children, they will respond very well to positive comments
- Provide feedback, discuss the work they are doing, correct errors together
- Get involved as much as you can and enjoy the outside breaks with your children

## ➤ Communication and connection-

- We need to maintain the connection between students and teachers
- We will continue to use email at present and next term will begin using Seesaw, please down load this app if you haven't already done so
- We will also use phone calls/text messages if the above methods are not available