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Hello to everyone today,

I hope you have all seen our Director Dr Sally Towns video. It can be found on our Facebook page AND on our webpage.

Notes to parents:

- Thank you to the parents who have been able to sort their schedules to have their children at home. As per the Prime Minister's statement last night "schools are open for the children of parents in essential services and engaged in work". We understand some of you are concerned about having your children at home but reports coming in today say the students are all being well supported.
- If you have decided to keep your children at home now, then this must be the ongoing decision. We cannot cater for families who are here one day, gone the next then back again the next. If we have already sent devices home with you this also avoids them coming backwards and forwards. If this is an issue for you, please contact me directly to discuss this.
- And a plea from staff...if you do want to collect devices we do need at least 2 hours notice. The paperwork and collection from Stages takes time.
- In changes to the attendance monitoring today..... From today, once you have told us you are self isolating then we no longer need to send a daily SMS and expect a reply. If you have not advised us that you are keeping your children home and self isolating then you will continue to receive an SMS from us each day.
- Unfortunately, book borrowing from the Library will conclude this Friday. If you are in need of reading material after Friday, please access Wushka for younger children or Sora for everyone. Instructions for SORA are found on our website under Learning/Library and links to Wushka and Sora are in yesterday's newsletter.
- Canteen is no longer functioning so children attending school must bring lunch.
- We are now in the process of closing down other areas of school for thorough cleaning.
- All the information you require to get into Google classroom has been shared with you. Your children (in S2 & S3) have been regularly using this suite at school so are quite capable of accessing their work. If they are struggling to upload docs or share work, they have the ability to problem solve this themselves. Don't feel like you need to know everything. (we don't). If you have not yet joined the Class Dojo for your child's Stage, please do so, as this is a quick contact way for all our staff. We are contacting parents who have not yet joined directly as a reminder. Other contact will be through email.
- We will also be sharing through our school Facebook page where we can.
- There are ongoing continuing cancellations for Sport events until the end of Term 2 now. As there is no need to run our Cross Country at this time, this has also been postponed.
- Remember, you don't need to battle through this on your own. We are all a call or email away. While we still continue to have children at school it may take us longer to get to you but don't stress.

Notes to students:

- If you are accessing school provided work online, you must do so logged on in your school email address. If you use another email (like your home one or mum or dads) to log in, you will not have access to the work. Please do not request access as we are unable to provide it unless it is through the school email.
- You are all doing a terrific job. Please share your home blended learning photos with us!

Talk soon,  
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Principal

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