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Respect

Responsibility

Life long learning

Happiness

Community

Term 2, Week 1, Friday, 17th April 2020

Respect

Expectation for the month of April is:

A word from Mrs Cooney.....

Remote & Flexible Learning

Thank you for the amazing job you have done this week as we have transitioned into remote and flexible learning. This is certainly uncharted waters and we are learning as we go, with sometimes smooth waters and sometimes it can be a bit rough!

This week there has been some confusion in the media regarding remote learning. The message from the Victoria's Chief Health Officer, Dr Brett Sutton is clear. He stated:

"My advice to the Victorian Government was and continues to be that to slow the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19), schools should undertake remote learning for term two. This is because having around a million children and their parents in closer contact with teachers and other support staff has the potential to increase cases of coronavirus not just in schools but across the community. By having remote learning, it can contribute to physical distancing and therefore supports efforts to drive transmission down."

The message for the State of Victoria continues to be that all students who can learn at home **must learn from home**. The transition into Term 2 has not been easy for anyone, but we should be reassured - there is a very good reason to be taking this significant step.



To help us keep in touch we would love to share any photos you have of your children involved in remote learning. Please send them to either your child's teacher or the school email and we will have a Remote Learning gallery in the newsletter each week. During remote learning, we will publish a newsletter weekly.

Thank you for the feedback we have received and for your support. Your feedback has helped us to forge the way ahead. Teachers are working very hard to ensure they support the wellbeing and learning needs of your child. All families should have been contacted by their child's teacher by the end of today either by phone or email. Whilst teachers wanted to contact everyone as soon as possible, it can be appreciated that they could not contact everyone personally at the same time, so this has happened over a few days. Teachers are available via email during normal school hours.

My apologies for the issues we have had with our school phone lines this week (this has been part of the rough water where things haven't gone so smoothly!). If you are having difficulty contacting the school via the usual phone number please call our school mobile on 0491181405 or email the school on

broadford.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au and we will respond as soon as practical.

Please note our office hours are 8.30am-3.30pm during this time,

The Remote learning packs distributed to children contain work for them to complete in week 1 and 2. From next Friday, learning tasks for the following week will be uploaded to Compass. Every Monday morning teachers will send an email outlining the tasks for the week. The weekly learning tasks will also include information about what tasks needs to be sent back to the teacher for feedback.

Thank you again for the fantastic job you are doing. Take care and keep safe.

Scholastic Book Club - Term 2 Orders

Scholastic Book Club are doing things a little differently this term - For the first time in the history of Scholastic they will have a Virtual Book Club for Term 2. Every child will have the opportunity to access the book club catalogue and place an order online.

Payment is to be made at the time of ordering.

All orders will be delivered to the school as per normal and a collection time arranged.

If you prefer to have your order home delivered you can wait until the order date for the catalogue issue has passed, and then place an order online. For a fee of \$5.99 you can have your order home delivered.

(Download the LOOP ordering App through the app store for Google Play or Apple)

Please go to the following Link to access the Scholastic Book Club Catalogue:

<http://scholastic.com.au/book-club/virtual-catalogue-1/>

School Banking

The Commonwealth Bank has advised that school banking will be suspended until further notice due to the Coronavirus situation.

We will advise when school banking will recommence.