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Dear Families

As this very unique term draws to a close, we want to reassure all of you that St Augustine's Parish School is here for you and your children when Term 2 commences on the 27 April 2020.

Children will be engaging in remote learning either from home or from school.

Teachers have spent this week fine tuning the programs, platforms and accessibility for children who will not be at school as well as for those who will need to attend school in Term 2

The current Government public statement is that schools are safe and that children of families who cannot have their children at home, are able to send their children to school.

Staff will supervise children's learning which will be as close as possible to the learning that children are accessing at home. The child's class teacher may not be supervising that learning as teachers are working online and contacting families to keep us all connected and supported. Be assured that the support and supervision will be of the highest order.

To help us plan we ask that families contact the Front Office to let us know whether your child or children will be attending school either full time or part time for Term 2.

Please contact the Front Office by 3.00pm Thursday, 9 April (Holy Thursday) via Email info@saps.catholic.edu.au , SMS on 0407 664 190 or phone 8182 7900.

We do realise that your family circumstances may change and that may alter your decision to send to school or not send to school. If you need to change your arrangements next term or at the end of the holidays, that's absolutely fine. Your call by Thursday, 9 April will **provide a guide** for the school moving into Term 2.

While children at home will be encouraged to help in the garden, ride their bikes in the yard, cook, play board games, exercise and walk the dog. So children at school will also engage in some of these activities throughout their day.

School will commence at 9.00am sharp and end at 3.15pm. Parents who use **OSHC** will have that service provided for free however bookings are essential so that we can organise appropriate staffing levels.

Children should wear their school uniform.

*We are a welcoming community, united in faith, and centred on learning,
who value and nurture the dignity of each individual.*

The **Canteen** will be available for orders for recess and lunch. The menu is available at <https://go.aws/2xWA7vO>

Children at home may have slightly different working times due to family commitments and teachers have been liaising with families for whom this is the case. We will support each family according to their needs as far as is humanly possible.

If you need help with devices and or internet please contact the school for support and advice.

Any family experiencing severe hardship should contact the school so that we can provide some immediate help and assist with accessing broader support from outside agencies.

The **Community Hub** will still be available by phone for refugee and migrant families and for families where English is not their first language.

As we approach Easter and the spirit of the living Christ, we pray for all peoples of the world in this most challenging of times. As Christians we know that God stands in solidarity with humankind and with all creation. This is our great comfort and the essence of our faith. For those of other faith traditions, we pray that you draw on the great hope of your tradition and beliefs to bring you and those you love great comfort in these troubling times.

The whole community of St Augustine's Parish School prays that we will meet again on the other side of this pandemic, together, stronger and inspired to engage in acts of kindness and love to create nourishing futures for all.

We wish all of our children and their families a very Holy and happy Easter and holidays that will mean positive family times filled with acts of kindness and creative ways to have fun and still stay safe, healthy and at home.

May the joy of the risen Christ fill all of your homes this Easter and far into a future of hope and happiness.

Blessings and Peace



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