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Primary School

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EDITION
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Dates to Remember

August	
September	
Fri 4 th	Student Free Day

Dear Parents,

Thank you to the parents who have contacted the school this week with feedback about the remote learning program. Staff have worked hard to incorporate the feedback from Term 2 and mixed this with what they learned from experience. It seems as though we are designing a system which is easier to use and more consistent for the students.

In addition to this the specialist teachers of Art, PE and Performing Arts are keen to continue the strong working relationships they have with students and we are launching our online Specialist Program this week. On Friday's students will have the opportunity to log into live lessons and complete tasks together with their teachers. A timetable has been uploaded to Class Dojo so students will know when it is their turn. This program is in the trial phase as we haven't done it like this before but it promises to be successful and an engaging way for students to access these subjects. Students are expected to join their Zooms as this forms part of their attendance for the day. If you have any questions about any of the programs please message the teacher using Class Dojo so they can respond.

I would like to ask parents for their assistance. Unfortunately, with children being at home more than ever, the number of students who are accessing social media is getting higher and the ages of children seem to be getting younger. Apps such as Snap Chat, Tik Tok, Instagram and YOLO amongst others are not designed for children under the age of 13 and even then, the maturity of each child needs to be considered before access to these is appropriate. Even basic functions of mobile phones such as texting, sending images and phone calls can be upsetting if not supervised. I am having increasing numbers of conversations with parents whose children are not managing their access to social media responsibly. The school can do little to intervene in incidences of nastiness online other than inform parents if we become aware it is happening as these issues occur outside of school hours. It becomes more of an issue when children are allowed unsupervised access to devices and the internet and then these issues come to school. Can all parents please consider the access to mobile devices and messaging/social media apps and re-establish the expectations for their use.

Thank you and stay safe,

Anna Duncan



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Managing the Coronacoaster - Tips for building resilient families

Free



Register

Tune into this free webinar for tips on building resilient families in the coronavirus era.

About this Event

To help parents and carers build family resilience in these difficult times, the Department is presenting a free webinar by renowned child psychologist Dr Michael Carr-Gregg. This webinar will give families some practical skills, knowledge and strategies for managing the lockdown period and remote learning.

This webinar will be taking place online. You will be sent a link on the day of the event to watch it, via the email address you supply.

Please note that this event will be delivered live only and won't be recorded.

Date And Time

Tue., 25 August 2020
7:30 pm - 8:30 pm AEST
[Add to Calendar](#)

Location

Online Event

TO REGISTER:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/managing-the-coronacoaster-tips-for-building-resilient-families-registration-116837404823>



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Journey of Hope Caregiver

Understanding and coping with stress

A free online workshop is now available for parents, caregivers and teachers of children affected by the dual impacts of the bushfires and COVID-19.

**Do you have or care for children aged between 3 and 12 years?
Would you like to:**

- Learn about how to deal with stressful events
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