



St James

Catholic Primary School, Brighton

Dear Parents,

What a wonderful week of remote learning it has been. Well done and thank you to both parents and students for working with teachers to get through a successful week of Remote Learning 6.0. We are exceptionally proud of the hard work and dedication the children are showing. The children are constantly exhibiting perseverance, dedication, and resilience. As teachers, we understand that at times enthusiasm and engagement can waiver however we are observing a growth in maturity and independence in our Year 3/4 students.

Currently, children are attending 2 Google meets at 9 am and 1130am to engage in learning activities for reading, writing, and maths, play educational games, and participate in wellbeing check-ins. Can we please remind parents that ALL children are required to join both google meets and stay on till the end of the whole class session. We understand that children may need to leave to do something with siblings or family members and we just ask that the child courteously inform their class teacher that they are leaving, just as when leaving the classroom or talking to someone on the phone.

As of Monday children will be required to join an additional small group reading conference once in the week. This will allow teachers to listen to children read individually and discuss reading goals and strategies.

Next week specialist lessons will be on Tuesday 17h August to allow for classroom teachers to plan for the duration of this lockdown.

Please remind your child to share their work with their class teacher. We love seeing their work. It helps us plan future lessons and activities to the point of need as well as celebrate their hard work and success.

As always we appreciate feedback and communication. We are very grateful for the kind words we have received from some parents. Class teachers spend the afternoons and specialist days planning, creating lessons, providing feedback, and assessing children's work. This is a lengthy process that can take a number of hours each night. The feedback is a chance for the students to feel a sense of achievement from their day and in some cases, can be critical for the next step of their lesson. We ask for your understanding as we work on getting back to you in a timely manner.

As always we ask that if you have any questions or concerns regarding the daily timetables etc. please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher. We acknowledge that it is an extremely trying time for adults as well as students. If we can provide any additional support or if you feel there is any information we need to know please contact your class teacher, Head of wellbeing Mrs. McNamara, or Mr. Flanagan so we can support you. We are here to help.

ALL learning activities are expected to be completed each day. There will be some additional work that is optional - which will say 'optional extras' in the timetable. This is particularly for families that have a student who works quite quickly or would like to do additional work.

Each remote learning day will look like this:

Time	Day
9-9:30am	Google Meet - all students must join to take the roll Small reading Group
9:30-10:15 am	Reading
10:15-11a m	Writing
11-11:30a m	Break - Recess
11:30-11:4 5pm	Google Meet - check in -
11:45-12:3 0pm	Maths
12:30-12:4 5pm	Brain Break
12:45-1:30 pm	Religion/Inquiry/STEM/ SEL
1:30pm	As outlined in the letters to parents, the afternoon is set aside for your children to play, create, read and more)

Book Week

There have been a few changes to how we will celebrate Book Week this year.



The Book Week Performance, *Bigger, Better, Brighter*, has now been rescheduled for **Wednesday 18th August**. Students will receive a link and login from their teachers in order to view the live stream at 11.15am.



On **Thursday 19th of August**, students will still be encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character, beloved author or in a costume matching this year's theme; *Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds*. They will share their costume and love of reading with their teacher(s) during their class Google Meet in the morning.

We will continue to celebrate Book Week at school in Week 7.

Parent Support Phone Line for Technology

We have provisioned a dedicated support phone number that will be resourced with dedicated team members to provide parents/guardians with general IT support for their children throughout this remote learning period. We expect to be able to help them with issues such as;

- My device won't connect to the wireless;
- Internet isn't working;
- I can't print;
- I can't open Google Apps for Education;

This general support for parents/guardians can be accessed by phoning **03 9998 6392** between the hours of 8:30 am and 5 pm Monday to Friday and will continue to operate throughout the remote learning period.

Finally, but most importantly, your child's and your mental health and wellbeing is our priority during this time. If your child needs a day or even just a morning off - please take it and let us know how we can support you. We are constantly monitoring what works best during remote learning and are here to help.

If there are any questions please email us and please remind your children that they can email us at any time:

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Take care!

We look forward to seeing you very soon,

Sarah, Cathy, Jess and Mandi

Mrs Amanda Joplin
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