

Thursday—30th April, 2020

Greetings everyone and welcome to Term 2 from your homes, for most of you!

I've had some good feedback from teachers and parents about their children's learning from home and that you are all doing a great job.

I have also heard that some are a bit anxious that some children are reluctant about getting their work done and are worried that they might be getting behind.

The purpose of this newsletter is to congratulate you on being great parents, first and foremost that is what you are to your children, their Mum and Dad. You don't need to be the teacher; the work is there but it's not worth a major battle if your child does not want to do it.

There are other ways to learn, such as baking or cooking a meal together as that requires reading, measuring and following instructions, all good learning opportunities. Or for the out-door types, creating an obstacle course in the back yard, this requires problem solving skills. Or your child uses this time to follow their interests, be it dinosaurs or a hero. Letting your child have a say about what they want to do may lead to engagement from the reluctant child.

It would be great to share their creations on Seesaw I know our teachers love seeing what their students are up to, not just the school work set.

What I am saying is *don't stress about getting the school work done*, some children will love it, others not so much. Use this time to spend time with your children. It's been lovely to see parents out biking or walking and playing games with their children.

Remember you are their parents, not their teachers and everyone is in the same boat.

After the Christchurch earthquakes, schools lost 10 weeks of schooling, when they returned they found that students were not behind in their learning and quickly got back to learning and school routines, testing showed they had very quickly made up ground, if any was lost at all. So don't worry, your children will not fall behind because we are all in the same boat.

Learning at School: We have some children attending this week and by the looks on their faces they are enjoying themselves!!



We welcome Mr Bibin Jacob to our staff. Many of you will recognise Bibin as he has a daughter at St Pius and is active in the Church. Bibin will be a teacher aide working in a number of rooms, specifically with our children whose first language is Malayalam. Bibin will also be our liaison person for our growing Indian community. He is looking forward to working with our teachers, students and community.

God Bless

Jane Rutherford

Principal

