

# Dwellingup Primary School

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## FACT SHEET FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

This sheet is intended to provide information about school programs and resources for parents and students. Please read the contents carefully.

Please ensure that your family details are up to date – especially e-mail addresses.

Dear Parents,

Work packages have been prepared for your child. Details in regards to these and other information is provided below:

### EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

- Parents have been requested to keep children home from 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020. The school is open to those students who are unable to be supervised at home due to parents being engaged in essential work or in special circumstances.
- Support for parents and carers is available on the Department of Education website Support for parents and carers. Please see the school for a printed copy if you do not have Internet access.
- Parents are advised that, if they need urgent medical health advice and support for themselves or their child, there is a 24 hour crisis support line 1800 048 636
- The Learning at Home website provides advice and resources for parents and carers, educators and students. **This includes a wide range of resources and information related to the impact of COVID-19 on students' health and wellbeing and the impact on families.** Again, contact us if you require a hard copy.
- There is a Health Department information page including FAQs that Parents and Caregivers can access: <https://healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles?A E/ Coronavirus>
- Colin Pettit, W.A.'s Commissioner for Children and Young People has set up a website. [ccvp.wa.gov.au/info-for-children-and-young-people/digime-voices](http://ccvp.wa.gov.au/info-for-children-and-young-people/digime-voices)
- **If you require contact from our School Chaplain, Mrs Lisa Ferraro, please contact me, Colleen Sing 0488 225 888 and I can arrange this.**

### MOVING FORWARD

- Work packages will be ready for collection from the school this coming **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April**. We are aware that Internet connection in Dwellingup is an issue and this is one reason why packages can be completed without an Internet connection. Provision is made for families with Internet connection.
- An entirely On-line package is not being offered as different areas of the brain are utilised when writing. It is essential in primary school, when there is so much brain development taking place, that there is not an overload of screen time. Yes, we are aware that students would prefer an 'all screen time option'.

**Work packs should be returned weekly on Friday afternoon for marking / replenishing and sanitising. New packs can be collected Monday morning.**

- We are aware that there has been a gap in your child's education and there is not much to do during the holidays. You may continue to work during the holidays if this suits your family. During the holidays (Fri 17<sup>th</sup> April and Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April) the office will be open between 3.00pm – 5.00pm to enable packages to be dropped off. Pick up of

replenished packages will be between 8.00 am and 9.30am on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April and Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April.

### **MORE INFORMATION REGARDING COMPLETING WORK PACKAGES**

- We realise that the parent – child relationship is a priority and I know from personal experience that teaching your child **can** impact on this. If you feel you are 'hitting a brick wall' at times, either approach the task differently, have a break or come back to it later. Children literally can't learn if they're stressed. Discerning what is stress and what is work avoidance can be a challenge. We are fully aware that everyone's well-being remains a priority.

**Your child is unique, and will continue to develop as an individual, at an individual rate. Every child is able to learn, and will learn best when they feel supported, encouraged, and have an adult who spends time talking, listening, playing and reading with them.**

- We have a whole school full of resources so if you need any please do not hesitate to contact us.
- If you get stuck on anything, we are always only a phone call away ~
- 9538 5100; 0488 225 888 (Colleen).
- If you are doing something such as cooking, count that as the Maths time for the day. This can also work for other Learning areas especially Writing ~ a shopping list, a list of instructions to keep a bedroom tidy, a letter or e-mail to a house bound relative for example.
- We will forward a return / feedback sheet with each work package. Simply record on this sheet in the pertinent learning area/s what your alternative activity was or any other comments you may have.
- A routine is important and setting up a work area and keeping to regular times with scheduled breaks should support learning.
- We are very fortunate to live in an area surrounded by bush. Going for a family walk is very educational and amazing for 'well-being'.
- Please return the entire package each week whether complete or not.
- The ABC are setting up additional educational television in addition to the wonderful "Behind the News". Go to [education.abc.net.au](http://education.abc.net.au)
- We have attached a Feedback sheet. This is a new experience for us and we will be 'fine-tuning' as we go along. Again, a phone call at any time is appreciated.

Please support your child / children to maintain their engagement with their learning. These are unprecedented circumstances and we appreciate the inherent difficulty for everyone in making this work ~ but of course we all must do our best for the sake of the children and their future.

We will keep you regularly informed and updated. Communication is the key and we will always appreciate a phone call.

Yours sincerely,



Colleen Sing  
Principal  
3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020