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2020 Year of Courage. Term 1- Moral Courage

Dear Parents,

My first concern is around how you are managing? As many of our staff, myself included, find ourselves in very different circumstances with our family again this week.

We cannot stress enough, the dynamic structure of a classroom may be challenging in your home environment and the importance of just 'doing what you can'.

Staff have provided activities in various forms for their class, but each child/family is experiencing different challenges and pressures.

Everyone's mental health is important as we progress through change implementation!

In class, teachers break learning into areas- motivations, introductions, reflections and necessary 'brain breaks'. Often the completion of the task takes little time, the art is in the depth of conversation, oral explanations from your children and the application to new learning.

Please continue to read your emails from teachers as they prepare to put new practices in place for Term Two.

Finally, we hope you are finding moments of joy with your children as we are missing them terribly. We thank you for keeping safe at home as we are all learning how to do this together differently.

Barbara Iffla
Principal

Jolimont PS Website 'Learning at Home' page open.

Relationships between teachers, students and parents are our priority. We are working on how this will look outside of a classroom environment for Term Two.

We have been constructing the Learning at Home Tab on our webpage as well as what platforms may assist with delivery and communication into next term.

The new Learning at Home page shares links and ideas:

- FAQs for Parents
- Curriculum Links
- Mental Health and Well-being links
- Handy tips
- A weekly cooking activity with Mrs Iffla and daily stories with Mrs Oddy
- Extension/ challenge information.
- School-based app links: Mathletics, Lexile, Maths Seeds and Reading Eggs.

Term Two

To support the continuation of Learning at Home, teachers reviewed how their students learn, how they can best meet their needs and what platform will support this.

Many classrooms already have a combination of communication tools including 'Seesaw' and 'Connect'. New to the DoE is Microsoft Office 365, including Microsoft Teams. Staff are working towards the use of these apps as well.

The Seesaw platform provides an opportunity to distribute teaching videos, learning content, and activities, plus easily allows students to share back their completed tasks for teacher

feedback. These elements are exceptionally important to ensure the teaching, learning, assessment and feedback loop continues for our children.

Many of our students/families are familiar with this app, although we understand some families will need more support. Classes not currently using Seesaw, are being sent QR codes via email with links to help establish this for next term. Please look out for these from your teachers.

Playgrounds

The WA Government announced that as of 11:59pm on Tuesday 31 March, all playgrounds in public places will be closed. It is recommended that all schools with playgrounds and/or playground type equipment close them down until further notice. They have recommended the removal of all equipment, hazard tape and closed playgrounds during school opening hours. There is to be no public access of playgrounds on school sites.

“Courage is doing what you are afraid to do. There can be no courage unless you are scared.”