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SUPPORTING STUDENT LEARNING AT HOME

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Following developments over the weekend and in response to NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian's announcement this morning, while our school is open **we encourage you to keep your child at home if possible**. The school has a duty of care to all students and as always, the school needs to know whether your child is at home or at school. Please notify the school of any absences by email or FlexiSchools.

In the event that your child is away from school for any period of time over the coming weeks, it is advised by the Department of Education that routines around learning and engaging with school programs be established and maintained as well as possible at home. Advice for parents and carers is available online

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/learning-from-home/advice-to-parents-and-carers>

Wheeler Heights Public School Arrangements

To ensure students can engage with school work at home, teachers have compiled a suite of lessons that cover multiple aspects of learning. From Tuesday 24 March, these will be able to be accessed through Google Classroom which students can access through their DoE Student Portal.

All students who were present at school joined their Google Classroom on Thursday 19 March and took home a Student Log In Details sheet on Friday 20 March with all their Log In and Password details. *If your child was away on those days and did not return today, these details will be emailed to you. If you do not receive the email by close of business Tuesday 24 March please advise the school via email.*

Most students have had experience with connecting to Google Classroom at school. However, support to logon, especially for younger students, may be needed by you. Specific details about connecting to Google Classroom are attached.

One of the most valuable aspects of learning is the social construct of knowledge. Although many of these activities are accessible to students individually, learning through each will be enhanced by discussion with you.

Each week day during the school term, there will be a new list of activities in the grade/stage Google Classroom Stream. Your input in their daily tasks will assist them to complete the activities and maintain their excitement for learning. Teachers have included activities for the children to help around the house, utilise critical and creative thinking skills, perform acts of kindness, be physically active and have fun as well as complete literacy and numeracy tasks.

Our students already have access to the following online platforms:

- Reading Eggs (Kindy – Year 4)
- MathsSeeds (Kindy – Year 2)
- Mathletics (Years 3-6).

Students present at school today have taken home the following items (to be returned to school each day if attending);

- Their personal Pencil case with all equipment
- A blank workbook
- Handwriting textbook (Grades 1-6 only)
- A Literacy and a Numeracy booklet (Kindy only)
- Reading Log (if it was at school)

****These items are not ESSENTIAL to their learning at home. They are simply being sent home to assist if required****

If you feel your child requires further activities during this time, many online learning providers are presently supplying their services for free during the current situation. Twinkl is one such provider <https://www.twinkl.com.au> There are many and varied activities for most Key Learning Areas and Stages available on this site.

Additionally, a large number of online providers have been organised in one place. Each is explained within the document so they can be selected carefully <http://www.amazingeducationalresources.com/>

As always, please ONLY contact staff by emailing wheelerhts-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au We will continue to share information with you as we receive it from the Department of Education. Thank you for your understanding, flexibility and support of our teachers who continue to demonstrate an unwavering commitment to delivering learning for your child as they tackle unprecedented challenges.

Yours sincerely

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Principal

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