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Dear Parents and Carers,

I have been checking in on a few classes, leaving comments on the students work and uploads, it is wonderful to see how well some have adapted to the changing classroom, sometimes we forgot how clever our students are, and how supportive our parents are!!

This is just an update on learning at school, with the overwhelming support we have had from those parents that have followed the Premier's advice to keep children at home, most days at school there are only sixteen students. This has allowed us to run seven classes to ensure that we are attempting to manage our social distancing with no more the three students and two staff in a room.

These students are being taught by different teachers and SLSO's on a rotating schedule and are following the same work timetables and activities as the students at home. The students have been moved into the newer and larger classrooms and are not with their usual peers, so a lot of adjusting and coping with change every day.

Most days now we have half of our staff either taking leave to care for a family member, self-isolating to maximise social distancing by working from home to provide ongoing lessons and learning. So we too are learning to do things differently.

My main message here is let's keep learning and trying new things and remember learning is anything we engage in. It most definitely needs to be fun, stress free (so if it is not working for you ask for something different), colourful, social to build new bonds in relationships with parents asking different things of their children and taking pride in their achievements.

Please remember, that the work the teacher is encouraging is delivered with the support of a wonderful SLSO and every child engages with the work at their level and for very different amounts of time. So if you finish the set tasks in five minutes or they want to work all day, do what you and especially your child can manage and relax in the knowledge you tried, and hopefully had fun with your child in the process.

Best regards

Gill and the staff

