

St Francis



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Journey as Family in Peace through Love

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

I hope this unique Easter break has been enjoyable for you and your family. This is a quick note about how St Francis Catholic Primary School will be supporting our students and their families for Term 2, which starts Monday 20 April.

The Queensland State Government has confirmed that for the first five weeks of Term 2, schools will remain closed to all but the children of essential workers, and vulnerable children. As Annastacia Palaszczuk, Premier of Queensland states '*essential workers are those required to attend their workplace*'. For St Francis, this means the start of the term will run the same as it did for the last week of Term 1.

I am fully aware of the complications *Learning from Home* will bring you and your families, but I want to assure you of the dedication and support from the St Francis Teaching Staff and all our Support Staff in providing quality education in this new space.

We journey as a family at St Francis, we always have and we certainly will rise to this new context together. *Learning from Home* is not 'online learning' nor is it 'home schooling'. *Learning from Home* is very much a partnership between our teachers, our students and our families. Our teachers remain very committed to our students in preparing curriculum for *Learning from Home*. Beginning from next Monday, using SeeSaw as our main communication tool, you will find the Weekly Matrix of Learning that has tasks, activities and recorded teaching lessons developed by our teachers. These learning tasks have been carefully adapted to suit our learners in this new context with a balance of online and offline experiences. We are appreciative of the digital skills that even our Prep students have acquired in SeeSaw in Term 1 through our Digital Technology learning area, and know that they will enjoy this platform as a way to stay connected to life at St Francis and to share their *Learning from Home* experiences.

Teachers in Years 3-6 will also be using Google Classroom, of which our learners are very familiar with. There will be a multiple of opportunities to connect with each other - teachers, parents and students of which we will elaborate in early Term 2.

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If your child has to attend school due to you being an essential worker, on-site supervision, with access to our *Learning from Home* materials, will be available. Students who attend school during this period will receive support to participate in the same learning program that is being delivered by their classroom teacher to students who are learning from home.

I thank you for your ongoing trust in and support of our school. Please be assured we are here for you and your family. Continue to stay safe and I will be in touch again soon.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Watt', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Mrs Kathleen Watt

Principal