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Dear Parents and Carers.

The last two weeks have been incredibly busy for us and we can only imagine how busy your homes have been. Thank you to all families who have followed the State Government's directive regarding school attendance – if you are home (working or not working) your child(ren) must be with you. This also applies to casual workers (ie; days on/days off) and shift workers (week on/week off). As our learner numbers increase, the complexity also increases in concurrently managing and balancing learning@home and learning@school platforms.



I would also like to acknowledge the amazing efforts of the entire Parkhurst State School Team in their preparations for our remote learning. It has been a steep learning curve, especially in creating online video and audio content to house on our YouTube and SoundCloud channels.

At this time, I am conscious of keeping communication traffic to a minimum, so as not to bombard, overload or confuse families. Over the past fortnight, Teachers have been the central communicators to check in, share resources and troubleshoot as required. Never hesitate in sending your child(ren)'s Class Teachers an email, Class DoJo message or telephone if you have a question or require support.

Learning@Home

By the end of this week, information, resources and links will be sent home to all families via Classroom Teachers. A variety of platforms are being used and by now your child(ren)'s Class Teacher(s) would have established this with you. Learning over the next three weeks will be a little different. We now have a combined collection of over 150 YouTube clips developed by the Parkhurst State School Teacher Team and 50 Audio Books and Podcasts. The links to these **unlisted videos** and accompanying activity sheets and handouts will be sent by Classroom Teachers. Please consider the activity sheets and handouts as you would the Class Teacher's WhiteBoard or Interactive Whiteboard. These materials do not necessarily require printing as the work can be completed in an exercise book or in the Class OneNote for sharing at a later date.

Hard Copy Resources

Some families have requested hard, printed copies of the materials to support Learning@Home over the next three weeks. If you require any printed resources, please contact your child(ren)'s Classroom Teachers via email or telephone and copies can be arranged for collection. Likewise, if you do not have access to the Internet, a USB of the YouTube and SoundCloud media can be created to use in Smart TVs.

Learning@Home TV



The Queensland Department of Education has partnered with Channel Seven to deliver Learning@Home TV to help facilitate learning at home for Kindergarten and Primary School Learners. Learning@Home TV features Queensland curriculum based lessons prepared and delivered by some of Queensland's outstanding State School Teachers and will complement the materials and resources we have developed and provided.

Content will cover English, Mathematics and Science lessons, along with health and wellbeing segments and special guest appearances. Learning@Home TV will broadcast from **8:30 a.m.** to **10:30 a.m.** every **Monday, Wednesday** and **Friday** (excluding Public Holidays) on 7TWO. The first episode will air on **Friday May 01st 2020**. Episodes will also be available on 7Plus in the afternoons post broadcast, as well as on the Department's very own YouTube channel. For details of upcoming programs, please visit this link <https://education.qld.gov.au/curriculum/learning-at-home/learning-at-home-tv>

Learning@Home Program Guide

<https://education.qld.gov.au/curriculums/learningfromhome/TV/learning-at-home-tv-episode1-guide.pdf>

Completed Work

All Classroom Teachers, during their conversations with families over the past two weeks have established processes regarding the sharing of completed work and the type and frequency of feedback they will provide. This is by no means a daily undertaking, just a process to ensure Teachers are connected to their learners (and yourselves) to check in and support as required.

Reading Materials

If you require additional reading materials in the form of Home Readers or regular Library Books, please contact your child(ren)'s Classroom Teachers and they can arrange to have a curated selection available for collection at Administration.



Scholastic Book Club

Book Club is continuing for those families wishing to make purchases to add to your home libraries. The online link to make selections is ...

www.scholastic.com.au/book-club/virtual-catalogue-1/

Staff Contact Details

This is the link on our school website to contact all members of Staff by email. <https://parkhurstss.eq.edu.au/our-school/our-staff/teacher-email-contact> Please remember that during this challenging time, no question is silly and that we are here to assist and support you and your family.

Labor Day Holiday

This Monday, **May 04th 2020** is the Labor Day Public Holiday. Schools are not open on this day. Please enjoy this day as a family.

Learner Attendance

As per the Department of Education's Attendance Guidelines, each week you will receive a link to an Attendance Survey. This assists us in developing our weekly Timetable to ensure Staff are available to communicate with you, engage in face to face supervision, facilitate the Learning@Home Program and notifications and further develop online resources that are specific to your child(ren) and their individual needs. Statewide changes have been made to Semester One's Reporting processes to ensure attendance is not included. This week's link to the survey is https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScK3yMdYLg6hXKB2_SuNYWLuw7d6TgKEmOFnpnpeZ_LW2QTEg/viewform?usp=sf_link

Feedback

At Parkhurst State School, we believe feedback is a gift. Very soon, all families will receive a survey to assist us to review, assess and evaluate the Learning@Home platform. Every Neighbourhood has established specific communication and collaboration modes, which may need some fine tuning and tweaking. The next three weeks will be quite different to the past two weeks as we progress from Learning Grids to our Online materials.

The upcoming survey will be based on our school's Feedback Framework and will seek your input regarding :



The '**G**lows'

- what has worked, what you have appreciated and valued and what you have found to be positives



The '**G**rows'

- the areas we need to think about, consider, review, refine or tweak

On a final note, this is a new way of learning (and teaching) for us all. Please never hesitate to ask a question or seek assistance if you require it. We do not expect you to assume the role of teachers. We will continue to do this. Please don't be afraid to take a break or give yourself a pat on the back.

Please continue to visit our school website. The link to our Learning@Home resources is <https://parkhurstss.eq.edu.au/curriculum/learning-home>. The landing page has all past communications, advice and key resources. We will also continue to communicate regularly using our social media platforms, particularly with posts, aimed to put smiles on faces.

Kind regards,


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