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Principal's News

It's certainly been an unusual start to the term! I wish we could 'flick a switch' and make a seamless shift to online learning. It's just not that simple as you know. I am very grateful for your patience and understanding as we all transition to new ways of working - children, parents and school staff.

I've been quite concerned about some of the messaging that you may have been hearing through the media about remote learning. No wonder many of you are feeling overwhelmed and confused.

Key Messages about remote learning at St. Dominic's:

- Learning from home is new for everyone - children, families and school staff. All of us will need to make adjustments.
- Learning from home will not be perfect - no one is expecting it to be. Some things will work well, and some things will not work as well as we would like and that's ok.
- *Learning from home online* can only start once we have established what access to the internet and devices each family has.
- *Online learning* requires the set up of new technological structures so that every family can have access to high quality learning experiences.
- *Learning from home online* does not mean your child(ren) is sitting in front of a computer screen, doing school work, for 6 hours a day.

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- ***Learning from home online does*** mean that your child will engage in a variety of learning experiences - some completed online, some designed to be completed by them self, some designed to be completed with you, some designed for the whole family.

The School Office will continue to be open from 8.30am - 4.00pm each weekday to respond to your enquiries and provide support.

- While the School is open, only a skeleton staff will be operating on site. The majority of school staff will be working from home.
- A significant problem that we have faced over the past week is that not every family has kept us informed of changes to their family contact details. Without this information we cannot communicate effectively with you.
- You must ensure that you have provided the School Office with your: current home address; telephone numbers: mobile, work, home; and email address(es) if you have one.

As always, please contact the school by phone or email your child's classroom teacher for more information.

We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our Song!
It is my hope that during the term ahead we embrace being an Easter community - *people of light and hope*. Guided by faith and confident that the risen Lord will be present among us, we can have such a positive impact on each other and the children in our care. - Alison Bretag, Acting Principal.