



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear St Kevin's families,

I acknowledge how difficult it has been for our parents who have kept their children at home during this time. We appreciate your efforts in helping to contain the virus and in keeping our children and staff safe.

I wish to reassure you that our school continues to remain open for those in need, and who have no alternate options for care.

In Term 2 it may be necessary for our teachers to work from home, and classroom teaching will assume a very different reality. Children attending school will be organised into groups based on numbers and available staff. All children, both those home-learning and at school will be completing the same work online.

This is the time to not only display empathy, compassion and understanding, it is also the time to show your resilience and your creativity as we work together to keep our students, colleagues and ourselves safe and continuing to learn.

I am aware that some families may be sharing devices and this may cause undue stress. If this is the case please contact the school office  
[skdy@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:skdy@dbb.catholic.edu.au)

The greatest wealth is health. ~Virgil

Go gently, stay well,

Lorraine Vincent – Principal



## Home-Based Learning

The Home-Based Learning (HBL) environment is underway at St Kevin's and the teachers have gone to great lengths to provide engaged and connected learning for your children.

As we move towards Term 2 and with the strong possibility of HBL continuing I take the opportunity of providing some consistent messages:

### Attendance

- To reassure all parents, students engaged in Home Learning are marked as an **F** in the system - i.e. flexible schooling and therefore does NOT affect attendance data. However, if after a few days students have not completed lessons (as set up by their teacher in google classrooms/Seesaw) we will follow up with a phone call.
- If your child is sick and can't learn from home for the day, the teacher or school should be emailed with this information.

As always, please contact the school office should you require assistance.

### Teacher Communication

Teachers will continue to communicate and provide feedback to students throughout the day, from 9am - 3.30pm. Staff have been asked to refrain where possible, from answering emails after 6pm.

### Student Learning

- The expectation of learning at home remains the same as at school. Students are expected to complete work to an age appropriate standard considering content and presentation.
- Learning tasks are repeated in class and this will be reflected in HBL so parents may see the same literacy task for the week which emphasises a learning intention or goal. This is deliberate and fosters greater student autonomy.

### ZOOM Protocols

Zoom is a video conferencing tool that our school is using to keep in contact with our students. The following procedures and practices are in place to ensure child safety and respectful learning:

During the Zoom meeting:

- Wear appropriate clothing – no pyjamas
- No eating
- Listen respectfully to others – no silly faces and/or calling out
- Raise your hand to speak and be heard

## Religious Education

### Prayers during the Coronavirus- Prayer for Parents

Loving God,

Open my heart and mind to be fully present to my family today despite all the challenges I will face.

Allow me to accept that I cannot solve things that I cannot change and know that I am doing my best.

Give me patience and understanding with my children and grant me grace when I don't know what to do.

Grant me the courage to deal with fear and worry and to comfort my children when they are afraid.

Be with me when I am tired and give me the strength to love my family, even when the challenges seem too big.

Bless our family and friends who we can now only see on a screen.

Bless our health professionals, teachers, leaders and all those who are working to keep our society going. Keep them safe.

Bless vulnerable people and help us to remember them and support them where we can.

Bless our human family and help us to get through this together.

Amen



### Project Compassion

Over the next week we would usually be collecting the Project Compassion boxes. We have had many already returned and appreciate all the generosity, especially during these uncertain times.

We understand that returning them may be difficult for families to do, however if you would like, you can drop them to the school office or alternatively you can make a donation direct to Project Compassion – see link below

<https://lent.caritas.org.au/donate/>



## Reconciliation

### Receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Due to new government changes, the Sacrament of Reconciliation has been **CANCELLED**. All families were notified, by email last week.

## Library News

*It is important to keep reading at home. There are many ways you can do this.*

The State Library of NSW has hundreds of eBooks which you can access. You can become a member of the library and then download the eBooks in their catalogue.

<https://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/research-and-collections/get-library-card>

Please also use your Northern Beaches Library card to borrow eBooks. There are many to choose from in the catalogue.

<https://www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/library/your-library> . If you are not a member, you can join via this link:

<https://www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/library/your-library/joining-library>

**You can also find some free eBooks to download via a number of websites.** Check out the following:

<https://www.booktopia.com.au/ebooks/free-ebooks/19998-p5-e.html>

<https://www.kidsworldfun.com/ebooks.php>

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/>

<https://www.free-ebooks.net/childrens-classics>

<https://www.storylineonline.net/>

*Happy Reading!*

*Angela Debien*

## Family Liaison Officer News ...

Dr. Justin Coulson has released a webinar for Parents called **"Adapting to this New Reality"**.

The webinar covers a range of parenting struggles relating to managing families' needs at home structured around 3 headings:

- Managing your own anxiety
- Understanding our children
- Creating a way forward

Click on the link below:

[https://www.dropbox.com/s/9eiz4gn7nuwhdm9/Webinar\\_AdaptingToThisNewReality\\_DrJustinCoulson.mp4?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/9eiz4gn7nuwhdm9/Webinar_AdaptingToThisNewReality_DrJustinCoulson.mp4?dl=0)