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TERM TWO 2020 – PREPARATIONS FOR SCHOOL LOCKOUT

Dear Parents,

The SFX staff have been busily preparing for online or remote learning in Term 2 2020 and where possible we have tried to make provision for every scenario. This is difficult when you are trying to compare the skills and abilities of our Senior school students versus our students in Prep who have been at school for such a short time.

One of the scenarios we have planned for is that SFX school will be closed for Term 2 and parents/students will not be able to leave their homes as has happened in some other countries.

So that we can begin 'Remote Learning' in earnest in Term Two, SFX staff have prepared a '**LOCKDOWN PACK**' for each student. It will have materials and items that will be necessary if we are to swing into Remote Learning at the beginning of Term 2. **It is not holiday homework so please do not commence any of the activities prior to obtaining directions from your class teacher on Tuesday 14th April 2020.**

Over the next two days, Thursday 26th March and Friday 27th March we are asking you to come to school to collect your child's LOCKDOWN PACK. **This has already been distributed to Year 3 & 4 students.** We ask that you do this from 9 to 2.30pm by going straight to your classroom where you will find your individually labelled student pack. Please ensure that if you are ill or unwell, you ask somebody else to collect the LOCKDOWN PACK from outside your classroom.

There will be a further information newsletter on Tuesday 14th April with regard to the learning directions we will take in Term 2. As you can imagine it is difficult predicting what will happen in the next hour, let alone trying to forecast what will happen in two weeks. However just to give you a heads up, Prep will be using **Seasaw** as our Remote Learning vehicle, and Year 1 to 6 will be using **Google Classroom** as our Remote Learning vehicle. Parents should be using the next few weeks to prepare for Remote Learning now that the school has done its preparation:

1. If Remote Learning is going to be successful, each household will need access to a computer/device and reliable internet connection.
2. If Remote Learning is going to be successful, each child will need a dedicated quiet area in which to work
3. If Remote Learning is going to be successful, each child will need the support and encouragement of an adult to assist with learning tasks

Education over the next term will not be perfect. However we are trying to keep children engaged with their learning so that 2020 does not become a wasted year. Let's try to look at the whole event positively for the sake of the children. If we go into Term 2 and Remote Learning optimistically who knows, we may even find new and better ways of learning and growth in each child and teacher.

My wishes to you for a peace-filled and blessed Easter.

Philip Cachia
Principal