

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT
EMERSON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY, 20TH MARCH, 2020

Emerson School has been sending texts to parents and guardians during this week to keep you informed of developments concerning the current Coronavirus pandemic.

Our school programs have been delivered smoothly during this week within an atmosphere of support, discussion and calm. There is one week to go before the end of Term. Our approach will continue in the same manner until there are new instructions issued by our State and Federal Governments under the advice of Senior Health Officers.

School is an essential service on which all parents rely. This is the foundation of the nature of our collaborative and welcoming school. There is no doubt that we need to be ready for the time when schools may need to be closed. When, and if this occurs, our staff will be ready to reach out to students at home to continue their direct connection with Emerson School on a daily basis. This will be done by whatever means are best available to each and every family. It may be via telephone, Whatsapp, text, computer application or by any digital method that is mutually available to the school and to each family. We need to be ready to operate like a correspondence school. This could well be called Online Learning. However, I believe it much better to describe it as keeping in touch with each other, keeping our conversations going, keeping our quest for daily learning for everyone. This is a time when we need to work closely together with an attitude of kindness and helpfulness. In many ways this could create partnerships that will help us in the future. It will promote an atmosphere of security and support. It will potentially diminish dimensions of fear, apprehension and isolation.

I encourage all families to keep in touch with our school so that we can travel this current pandemic journey together and assist each other to minimise the disruptions to daily routine.

JOHN MOONEY
Principal