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## Coronavirus Pandemic School Plan

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to acknowledge all members of the school community who have assisted the school staff navigate through the first two weeks of this very challenging journey that is changing education in the short and possibly longer term. This includes the parents who have sent their children to school so well prepared to face issues at hand, in a calm and positive frame of mind. And to the numerous parents who have kept their children home, I appreciate the way you have promptly contacted the school and informed us of your plans.

As we move into a new way of conducting business, hopefully for the short term, I would like to highlight a few general points that I believe are important:

- Whilst education is extremely important, at times like this, our immediate concern is the health of students, staff and indeed all community members. Therefore, when implementing home learning remember health first then education. Look after yourself and your children.
- This is not the new normal! Nothing is normal about this and don't listen to anyone who tells you it is business as usual. As a result of this crisis, children will behave differently – get ready for this. Work with them not against them as they grieve, long for their friends, school mates and teachers.
- You are parents/carers not teachers. Don't put unrealistic pressures on yourself or your children to complete all assigned tasks. Some students are comfortable completing all the set work (and more) and some are not. One day will be different to the next – 100% completion one day but be happy to achieve 50% the next. Some children will be most comfortable with a structured day, resembling the school day, whilst others need less structure.
- Be wary of online content, especially the ones that promise to improve educational outcomes overnight. If it sounds too good to be true it generally is! Watch out for the costs, both hidden and upfront.

Specifically, at Cable Beach PS:

1. We will cease structured schooling tomorrow – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.
2. Week 10, 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> April will be school development activities that will prepare us for Learning from Home commencing April 28<sup>th</sup> (at this stage). Please contact the school if the termination of lessons will create problems caring for your child and we will accommodate to the best of our ability. Once again, I stress **please contact the school** asap as we need to prepare for this.
3. During Week 10, class teachers will not be setting lessons on-line however they may be conducting simple activities for children to complete to test internet capacity and home connections.
4. We will be contacting parents by phone to check their readiness for online learning with a focus on students who are not regular users. Please return the call and ask for your child's class teacher if you notice a missed call from the school. As we will be using the Seesaw (both Family and Class) App I can't stress enough the importance of as many families as possible being connected. Learning using this on line platform will be far more efficient, given the social distancing measures in place, than the prepared work packages.

In conclusion I wish everyone an enjoyable weekend and holiday period. Please keep an eye on Seesaw for class-based information on Monday 6th as the teachers will commence sending out specific information.

Yours sincerely



Paul Neates  
Principal

2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020

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*At Cable Beach Primary School, we provide a values focused, culturally rich and inclusive environment where students thrive, developing a respectful attitude which fosters good citizenship and personal health and well-being (mabu liyan).*