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COVID-19 (coronavirus) Update Monday 23rd March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for keeping up to date with our Compass and Dojo posts on COVID 19. It is extremely important that we maintain a clear path for communication and I urge all parents to ensure they have these apps downloaded to maintain communication with teaching staff and administration at the school.

We are trying to keep everyone as up to date as possible. The government is making fluid decisions, which can change quickly.

HOLIDAY DATES

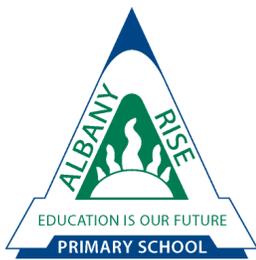
Most ARPS children will start their school holidays from the end of today at 3.30pm.

Our school will remain staffed over the next 4 days, Tuesday 24th – Friday 27th March. For children whose parents are employed as an 'essential worker', provisions have been made to provide care and supervision by available staff at school during this time. Examples of essential services may include health, police, corrections and emergency services workers.

There is no obligation for students who are children of essential workers or students who are vulnerable to attend school this week. However, we do have an obligation to ensure we provide a care and supervision program for these students if it is needed. Parents (Essential Workers) are asked to confirm their intention to send students to school via Dojo to their teacher or by contacting the office.

Essential workers who are Parents/carers and require holiday program places for their children over the Term 1 holidays due to the State of Emergency, are asked to please contact the school and we will liaise with OSHClub to confirm available arrangements.

Victorian Chief Health Officer (CHO) will advise on whether the transition to flexible and remote learning and support should commence on the **first student day of Term 2 (Wednesday 15 April)** closer to that date.



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STUDENT REMOTE LEARNING

Our staff have developed **Google Classroom** materials from last week and also for this week, all of which are available to each ARPS student. Over the next 4 days, our staff intend to update and refine resources to ensure they are even easier to access, contain more support videos and suggestions, link to opportunities for staff to track student learning progress from home and provide opportunities to have 'real time' interactions between teachers and families.

Students who are not yet logged on or who cannot access **Google Classroom**, should send a Dojo message directly to their class teacher for directions and support.

OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY- STAYING CONNECTED

At ARPS, we are in regular contact with parents through **Dojo and Compass**, and now on **Google Classroom**. We have been impressed with the community uptake of Google Classroom online, with many online classes already with all students connected.

Several students have been asking if they are required to complete the online tasks provided for this week. I suggest families make their own decisions on this, using the carefully prepared resources to best fit with your family's current situation. These resources may also come in handy during the holiday period if students are looking for 'something to do'.

Thank you again to our ARPS community for your extraordinary support during this very challenging time. Your feedback and encouragement has been hugely appreciated.

Please continue to look after each other and stay safe and well over the holidays, and feel free to make contact if needed.

Take care,

Judy Drew

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Principal