



# School Newsletter

Thursday April 2nd Term 1 Week 10 2020

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## Monday 6th— Thursday 9th April PUPIL FREE DAYS

I would like to thank all members of the Elizabeth North school community for their amazing resilience and understanding as we have worked through the impact of COVID-19 on our way of living. Within the space of a few short weeks we have adjusted the way in which we live, shop, learn and teach. The role that parents now play in the way we teach has become increasingly more important with many children and students now learning from home.

Earlier this week the school communicated with families to gain some understanding of their intentions for whether students would be learning at home or at school at the start of term 2. While I respect the opinion that we can't predict that far ahead to know what the future situation with the COVID-19 will be, we need some sense of the intention of parents. All indicators, as communicated through the media, show that the number of cases of the virus are increasing. Until we see this trend change and we start to see people returning to work, my educated opinion is that the current situation with most children and students learning at home, will continue. In this light we need to have some understanding of what your intentions are. If we don't hear from you the school will make contact in some way over the next few days to gather this information as it will assist staff to plan for term 2 onwards.

### Week 11 Pupil Free Days

In the process of supporting staff to prepare for learning in term 2 the Education department has provided 4 additional pupil free days in week 11. This means that students will not attend school and teachers will not be providing learning tasks for students next week. If parents require care for their children they can contact our OSHC provider, Happy Haven Site Number 81555488 or Head office 81555444.

School will recommence on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April. It is likely that during this 3 week period where students are not attending school that the situation with COVID-19 will change even further. Please continue to monitor media reports to keep abreast with these changes. The Education department has made it clear that schools will not be closed during the COVID-19 pandemic and we are working on this premise continuing.

Please listen to and follow the messages about social distancing, washing your hands thoroughly, coughing into a tissue or your elbow and just being aware of hygiene matters. If we follow this advice we are more likely to stay healthy and be ready to resume 'normal living.'

Stay healthy and safe during the extended holiday period,

Graham

**SCHOOL FINISHES  
FRIDAY 3RD APRIL AT 3PM**



## Pyjama Day

### Friday 3rd April



Wear your pyjamas to school!  
No gold coin donation necessary

**SCHOOL RESUMES MONDAY 27TH APRIL**