

Welcome Back!

Term 2, Week 1

I hope everyone had a restful break, spending time at home with your families. It was a nice, quiet holidays for my family and I also, enjoying backyard camping, playing board games, gardening, cooking and playing with my energetic puppy!

The COVID-19 pandemic certainly changed the end of school Term in a way that has never been experienced before. The uncertainty of what has been going on in the community has been challenging for everyone.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their flexibility, for keeping me informed about their intentions and reaching out for support when it was needed. Learning online systems and working out ways to support and educate young learners using an alternate platform, has taken some time to adjust to. For those who continue learning at home, I understand the pressures for families to adapt to a new role when supporting learning at home.

I am hopeful that the beginning of the Term will bring a sense of calm as the children return to class and the familiarity of structures and routines in Room 8. I look forward to a classroom, full of excited, motivated and energetic students. I bet they have missed their friends!

Please, be assured that the children will be reminded and supported with frequent handwashing and hygiene procedures. These will continue to be a priority in order to do everything possible we can to keep our classroom learning environment safe and healthy. Social distancing methods will be supported where possible, making use of flexible learning spaces. Please keep your child home if they show signs of being unwell, remembering to notify me of any absences.

Take the time to read over the curriculum overview for Term 2 – which will be on Seesaw by the end of the week. A lot of topics and focus areas will cross-over terms. Sight words and sound practise needs consistent revision at home daily, and the introduction of take-home readers will happen early this term.

Weekly Library borrowing will continue on **Mondays**, along with weekly computer visits. The children will spend time navigating apps on the iPads and accessing Seesaw, Teach Your Monster to Read and Epic Books online.

Looking forward to a busy term of learning together!

Mrs Fedele