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OLOP DISTANCE LEARNING PACKS

PLEASE DO NOT commence Distance Learning until the start of Term 2

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Hard copy learning packs have been created for students to use at home, for example an exercise book & a booklet with task instructions, spelling lists, handwriting practise and maths games for your child's level.

Each home learning pack will have tasks for weeks 1-3 and a variety of tasks that can be completed on days when you are having difficulty accessing the day's task instructions. These are not to be completed all at once as there is more than enough work prepared. Please do not email class teachers for more work, as they monitor and will add work to the digital platform (SeeSaw) when required.

Each morning, teachers will send videos to begin with meditation and/or a prayer followed by instructions about their tasks. Students will be required to work on these tasks and send back a response or evidence of their work (e.g. photo, video, written response etc). Teachers will provide various forms of feedback.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT DISTANCE LEARNING

What is Distance Learning?

- Distance Learning is learning that enables to teach students within the confines of their home. It can look different from school to school, using a variety of online and offline platforms to support them.
- At OLOP, Distance Learning will be facilitated through our online learning platforms that we already have in place;
 - SeeSaw F-6
 - Google Classroom 3-6

A few points to note:

- We realise you are not homeschooling. We are commencing distance learning for the first time. This is an unprecedented emergency situation impacting the whole world. The wellbeing of your family and children is paramount. Should you feel your child is not coping with distance learning,

do not stress or feel the need to press on. Rather spend time together baking, playing, gardening, watching documentaries and use these experiences as learning opportunities.

- If you, yourself feel you are not coping with distance learning as you may need to work from home, focus on your job and the wellbeing of your family. As stated above, use experiences and time together to have quality family moments, where you may pause to play a card game, do puzzles, teach your child a new life skill such as making scrambled eggs. All of this is learning, very valuable learning. Give yourself and them a break.
- It is important that when your child is completing an online task that they are in a communal area that you can monitor their online use, and remind them to use safe online practices.
- Children in grades 3-6 should be able to complete the tasks independently. You should not feel required to sit and work with your children who are at varying grade levels and facilitate their learning. In saying this Foundation children and Juniors may need some support getting started. *Remember that your students can contact their teacher and receive daily feedback or support.*
- In the ideal situation, we would like your child to work on a variety of the tasks each school day:
 - prayer & meditation
 - reading/writing
 - maths (be it a practical task such as a maths game or baking)
 - fine motor work such as lego, cutting, playdough, tidying up small toys, doodling, mindful drawing, sketching, how to tie shoelaces
 - physical exercises, running on the spot, stretching, dancing to music, gardening, doing daily chores
 - alternate between religion and inquiry (history/geography/design technologies/digital technologies, etc.) tasks
 - specialist tasks (Performing Arts, Visual Art, Physical Education, Science & Italian)

Where can I ask for help should my child need assistance?

Step 1. Email your class teacher and they will respond within 24 hours, Mon-Fri.

Step 2. Speak to other parents in your level if they have experienced the same challenge and ask for their assistance.

Step 3. Alternatively email the school helpdesk for distance learning, helpdesk@olopdonvale.catholic.edu.au, and they will review and respond within 24 hours Mon-Fri. They will forward your concern on to the relevant staff member.