

FINAL PARENT UPDATE – TERM 1

3 April 2020

Dear parents and caregivers

Today brings to an end Term 1. None of us envisioned on the 28 January that this is how our term would have panned out.

Again, on behalf of the staff thank you for your patience and assistance with helping your child/ren navigate the online learning platform. This has been a huge task. I would also like to acknowledge the work of my staff. As I look forward to the holidays (at home), I am a very proud school leader. The work they have done over the past couple of weeks to ensure the learning opportunities for our students continues, has been phenomenal. Thankyou also to the many parents who have sent in the positive feedback. These comments are shared with staff and go a long way to helping motivate and encourage the staff.

What is happening in Term 2? This is the latest advice from the Department of Education.

Term 2 Decision

"I am aware that all schools are seeking further information about the status of schooling for Term 2. Our preparation and planning this week is essential for us to be ready for a learning@home model should that be required. Decisions about the operation of kindergarten and schools will be informed by national and state health advice and informed by the status of our nation's response to COVID-19 and I will provide updated information on this as soon as I am able." Tony Cook, Director General.

With this in mind, teachers at Bald Hills are preparing for Learning Online to begin Term 2. Weeks 1 & 2 of Term 2 will be available on our Student Portal from Monday 20 April. In the meantime work from weeks 9 & 10 of Term 1 will remain on the Student Portal during the holidays. Following the holidays teachers will continue to contact families by phone on a weekly basis and respond to emails to assist with individual needs. Wellbeing calls to families will also be made every 3 to 4 weeks with each family.

Just a reminder that staff will not be available during the scheduled 2 week break from April 4 to April 19.

Please continue to reference updated COVID-19 information on the <u>Queensland Health</u> or <u>Australian</u> <u>Government</u> websites. These sites are being progressively updated and it is important to continue to stay in touch with the latest information.

I ask that you continue to take all necessary local actions to support your child's, and our school's, health and hygiene and act in a protective and preventative manner to help limit the spread of coronavirus.

I thank you for your patience as we have worked through these challenging times.









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Covid 19 Hotlines

National Coronavirus Helpline 1800 020 080 Domestic Violence Hotline 1800 737 732 Mental Health Access Line 1300 642 255 Kids Helpline 1800 551 800 Queensland Health 13 43 25 84 Lifeline 13 11 14

If you are quarantined at home and have no support to deliver food and medicine then call the Community Recovery Hotline 1800 173 349

Emergency Business Hotlines Federal Government Business Hotline - 13 28 46 Queensland Business Hotline - 1300 654 687 Australian Taxation Office Hotline - 1800 806 218 Centrelink Hotline - 13 74 68

The staff at Bald Hills State School wish you all a safe and happy holiday.

Regards

Glen Robertson

Principal





