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SNAP COVID LOCKDOWN From Midnight Friday 12th February to Midnight Wednesday 17th February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are aware the State of Victoria has been forced into a snap lockdown for the next 5 days following further outbreaks of COVID in Melbourne. Schools will be closed with only essential workers child/ren allowed to come to school. The definition of who is classed as an essential worker this time is still being decided by the Government. Anyone who can work from home must do so this includes teachers. I am awaiting further advice and communications from the Department of Education and Training.

In the interim these are the expectations at Kialla Central Primary School for Monday 15th January, Tuesday 16th January and Wednesday 17th January 2021:

- Information night is postponed;
- There will be no OSHC Service until Thursday.
- We **are not** transitioning into a **Flexible and Remote Learning** environment.
- With less than an hours' notice, our teachers have provided students with extra books to read, some lined and blank paper to do their activities on. We have not sent home pencil cases or their school work books.

Here are some ideas of what students can do at home:

- **Read, read, read** ~ books from school, books at home anything of interest to them.
- **Write, write, write** ~ about anything, make up a recipe, write a letter, write a poem, practice their handwriting, describe something, find an object of interest to write about etc. Don't worry about their spelling or punctuation just let them get their ideas down.

- **Maths** ~ play maths games with cards, dice, counting such as Buzz. The older students will know lots of games they play at school. For our Foundations basic number such as counting and making numbers to 10 or 20, sorting buttons or pegs into groups and asking them what they have made etc.
- **Enjoy family activities** ~ board games, gardening, cooking, exercise, dance etc. Lots of you were very creative during Flexible and Remote Learning in 2020 let those creative juices shine again.

I will keep you all updated via email as soon as I receive further advice and information from the Department.

I will create a 2021 email distribution list from the information you have provided on your returned Family Update forms. Emails will be our main communication tool along with some brief updates on our FB page.

My email address is Debbie.Humphries@education.vic.gov.au

Thank you for your understanding and support during these unpredictable times. Be reassured we are doing the best we can catering for our families at such short notice as well as trying to keep you informed.

Regards

Debbie Humphries & the K.C.P.S. Team