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## VICTORIA CIRCUIT BREAKER LOCKDOWN

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are aware the State of Victoria has entered a 7 day lockdown until 11.59pm Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. As a result, all schools will move to Flexible and Remote Learning commencing Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May.

With reference to the Department of Education and Training Operations Guide, **all** students will be learning from home from **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May to Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**, except for students in the following categories:

- Students where **both** parents/carers are considered **authorised workers** who **cannot work** from home, work for an **essential provider** and where **no** other supervision arrangements can be made. This means:
  - Where there are **two** parents/carers, **both must be authorised workers**, working outside the home in order for their child/ren to be eligible for on-site provision.
  - For **single** parents/carers, the **authorised worker** must be working outside the home in order for their child/ren to be eligible for on-site provision.
- **Vulnerable** child/ren including:
  - Child/ren in out-of-home care;
  - Child/ren deemed vulnerable by a government agency, funded family or family violence service and assessed as requiring education and care outside the family home
  - Child/ren identified by school or early childhood services as vulnerable (including via referral from a government agency or funded family or family violence service, homeless or youth service or mental health and other health service).

If your child/ren fall into the above categories, please complete the attached attendance form and email it back to me by **10.00am Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May** so that I can organise staff for on-site supervision.

The Guidelines also state that *parents/carers are responsible for the students' general safety at home or elsewhere.*

### FLEXIBLE & REMOTE LEARNING (FRL)

On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May all of our students were given:

- printed learning packs;
- a copy of their passwords for online apps that we use at school;
- some students have their SMART Spelling for next week;
- others have Literacy activities to review what they have been doing in class; and

- books to read at home along with their reading diaries or diary (Grades 5/6) to record their reading.

FRL begins on **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May**. Our students know their regular classroom routines and expectations so they will be able to show you what they need to do, especially with their reading and SMART Spelling. The following is a **daily** guide to help our families during this phase of FRL:

- Activities from their printed learning packs.
- **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.

There is an **expectation** that all of our students will engage in learning by completing some of the above activities.

If your child is **unwell** and **unable** to participate in FRL, please email your child's teacher to let them know. Schools are still accountable for all student attendance during FRL.

**Please note:** At this stage, we are not distributing any of our iPads to our families.

If you have any questions and/or need to seek clarification of any of the learning tasks please email your child's teacher directly during normal school hours of **8.30am to 4.00pm**. Teachers will reply to your email or they will give you a call – this will be a **private number**.

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](mailto: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.

Yours sincerely,



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