



Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School Merbein

Reg. No. 1277

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Dear Parents and Families,

With the school holidays coming along much sooner than expected, I feel as though there was very little time to wish everyone a restful break and a Happy Easter! Even though it's still a couple of weeks away and your plans have possibly changed in the last few days, I hope the chance to spend time together as a family over the Easter period will be a gift in its own way!

By the time the holidays draw to a close, we should have a decision about whether school will return for Term Two. At this stage, the CECV is advising that the first day of term will be Wednesday, April 15th. I'd like to be optimistic about this, but daily developments regarding the Coronavirus are suggesting otherwise.

Much like yourselves, staff here at school are also feeling a little anxious about our own families and the implications of not being able to come into school after this week to perform our jobs. I'd like you to feel reassured that if we are directed to keep the school closed, we will be well prepared to deliver an alternate learning program for our students. This week the teaching staff have been working tirelessly to prepare resources which every child will be able to access to encourage continuity of learning. This has been quite a challenge but one which has been taken head-on!

For now, if you are at home please take the time just to be with your kids, enjoy the chance to have a break from the everyday hustle and bustle of school life and try to make the best of what is a difficult situation for everyone. We will keep families updated with information over the coming weeks, so keep an eye out for emails, SMS messages and Facebook posts.

If, unfortunately, anyone is diagnosed with the coronavirus or finds that they have had immediate contact with a case, health officials will ask you to contact the school. Please do this by ringing the school number - 50252258. This will be re-directed to me.

I wish you all a Happy Easter and I look forward to seeing the smiling faces of the students back at OLSH soon!

Best wishes,

Narelle Gallagher and the Staff of OLSH