



Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School Merbein

Reg. No. 1277

23rd March, 2020

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

In line with recent developments and recommendations from the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria and the Victorian State Government, we will be commencing school holidays as of Tuesday the 24th of March, 2020 (Monday the 23rd of March will be the official last day of term 1). We realise that this is short notice and may cause some inconveniences for families but we are following the advice as provided. At this stage students are set to commence school on Wednesday the 15th of April (Tuesday the 14th of April will remain as a Pupil Free Day). Please continue to check messages and communication from the school through the Skoolbag App, direct SMS messages, the school Facebook Page or through classroom communication (SeeSaw and Google Classroom) for updates.

It is expected that staff will use the next four days to begin planning and preparing for the likely event of flexible or remote learning from home. Teachers will tonight be sending home resources that **may be needed** to allow for the continuity of learning from home, though the expectations would be that this learning would **not need to begin** until the expected start of Term Two (Wednesday the 15th of April).

At this stage, the next three weeks are officially school holidays. If and when work does need to be provided to students to allow for continuation of learning, we will advise parents of when this work will be available to you. **Please note that this communication may not come until closer to the predicted beginning of Term Two.**

Thank you to all of our parents and families for the continued support and understanding that you have shown during this unprecedented time. We continue to have the best interests of our students at the forefront of all we do and know that we will work together to make the best of this situation.

We are asking that if any parents have money or tickets for our Easter raffle at home that they attempt to bring this into the school office by tomorrow morning. We will draw the raffle here and advise you if you have any prizes to collect.

We hope that you will have an enjoyable break and look forward to seeing everyone again, sooner rather than later!

Kind regards,

Narelle Gallagher