



Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School Merbein

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Dear Parents and Families,

As you would have seen in the news, schools in Victoria will continue remote learning online for the remainder of Term Three. This morning I received word from CECV stating that regional schools would also remain online in Week One of Term Four, with a return to onsite learning on October 12th. This is disappointing as we were hoping for a return on the Tuesday after the holidays. This week we will discuss as a staff how the first week of term will look in terms of learning and will advise families on this as soon as possible.

According to yesterday's announcement, regional Victoria may see alterations to the restrictions as time goes on, depending on numbers of COVID cases. We all await these changes with baited breath! At this stage, OLSH will continue to maintain its extended cleaning practices and ensure that children are practising good hygiene. Staff will continue to socially distance and wear masks in appropriate situations according to the advice provided to us.

We realise that families are all feeling the strain of online learning and teaching their children at home. We also understand that children are missing the interaction with friends and teachers that school provides. So far *everyone* has played their part in making sure that learning for our students has continued – from staff and parents to the children themselves. Although you may be feeling like you've had enough of learning at home, there are only two weeks to go, so please keep going! The longer we persevere, the better for your child's education.

The staff at OLSH are committed to providing our students with quality learning, whether in the classroom or at home. We will continue to do this online for the next two weeks and when school does eventually resume in Term Four, we'll work hard to ensure that all students are supported in their learning journeys for the remainder of the year and into the future.

If you have any questions or need further clarification, please contact me at school.

Yours sincerely,

Narelle Gallagher