

BOARD-CAST

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End of Term Two 2020

Today is the last day of what has been a very bizarre and fairly long term. Beginning on the 15th April 2020, the first five weeks of term involved distance learning during an unprecedented period of national lock-down. Now, seven weeks back, physically present onsite, we've finally made it through the twelve weeks of a drawn out term.

As a Board we have acknowledged, celebrated and expressed our gratitude to the leadership and staff team for the incredible effort they put in through the lockdown period to ensure our children continued to feel connected, and were provided with resources to assist with their ongoing learning. The feedback received from various groups of our community indicate they have all done a superb job in leading and teaching through this time of national crisis. I'm sure you join with us in recognising and acknowledging their committed efforts (perhaps you might like to take the time to e-mail your child(ren)'s teacher or other staff members to personally express your gratitude).

We would also like to thank you as parents and caregivers for the support you have offered to your child(ren)s teacher(s) during this term with regard to your own child(ren)'s learning. This has been a challenging time, and for you to encourage and assist your child(ren) with their own going learning has been an additional responsibility placed on you (in many instances on top of your own work responsibilities and the personal processing of the implications associated with the lockdown). So well done to you all! I'm sure we will look back on this period of time and see how we have all personally grown through the challenges we have experienced.

Permanent Classroom Build

With all the challenges that we've experienced these past few months, we wanted to finish on a more positive note. Many of you will be aware of the issues we have experienced with the MOE providing temporary classrooms in order for us to accommodate the escalating growth in our student numbers. While these challenges continue, we are excited to inform you that in conjunction with the MOE we have begun planning towards a new permanent classroom build which will completely transform our school environment. While it is a complex project with an estimated delivery date of almost three years, it is something on the horizon that provides a focus for us as a school community to look forward to. We'll keep you informed as to further developments but next steps will involve us all in the process of developing a master plan (i.e. what the new build will look like, where will it be located, what form will it take etc). It's the beginning of an incredibly exciting journey!

Thank you for all your support and encouragement through this term. Enjoy the well-earned two week break and we look forward to welcoming you all back for Term 3.

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