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Gum Tree Newsletter

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*Take care,
stay safe*

Dear Cranleigh Community,

I want to reach out to you and thank you for your unanimous support of your children and the school at this time. We appreciate that things are fast moving, and that national discussions and approaches can cause some anxiety to you and your children.

ACT Public Schools are pupil free until the school holidays, due to begin on Friday 10 April 2020, as recently announced by the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Development. What this new paradigm looks like after this is still unfolding, and my commitment to you is to communicate changes as soon as I am possible.

Today marks Day 6 of our new school environment where the united Cranleigh Team has begun a positive, productive and coherent planning approach for what our learning programs for remote delivery of education in Term 2 might look like, including the setup of Google Classrooms for each class across the school and professional learning to upskill us in the delivery of this new platform. In the coming days, we will establish how Chromebooks can be delivered/collected, ready for our students to begin this new way of 'doing school!'

To enable schools to continue to focus on this during our pupil free time, our Directorate is launching a "home learning challenge" for students through the Home Learning portal. This will be for students from preschool to high school, offering students and their parents some fun ways of remaining engaged in learning leading up to the school holidays.

Most families should now have received a resource pack, filled with visuals, aided language displays, a familiarisation story, literacy and numeracy tasks, as well as a rubric of learning opportunities for families to explore.

Many thanks to the Special Needs Transport (SNT) team and Cranleigh staff who delivered these packs. Just as a side...please look at the Cranleigh School Facebook page. We update it regularly with good news stories and key information.

Well-being continues to be a priority for the staff at Cranleigh who are working on site and those who

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are working from home. A 'Gratitude Wall' has been established where all the feedback from families and staff are shared. Please keep them coming.

I want to thank and acknowledge the Cranleigh staff who maintain a high level of professionalism and work ethic as well as fantastic morale in this particularly stressful time!

I would also like to thank all parents and carers for your consideration and support. Thank you to those that have the capacity to support your child/ren outside of school. And for those who have needed support at school, thank you for working with us and talking to us about your needs. I do understand that these are difficult decisions.

'The consensus advice to parents and caregivers seems to be: create a bit of structure, make a little time for formal learning and more time for play and exploration, and help kids feel safe and secure'.

George Couros, a Canadian educator

Take care everyone, and I will be in touch.

Kind regards,

Kylie

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Oral Health Services and Dental Screenings

I would like to update you on some significant changes regarding the provision of Oral Health Services in relation to COVID-19. The most important change will be the cessation of regular dental service delivery from all community health centres, except for Civic, as of COB yesterday. Canberra Health Services administration/booking team will continue to operate and are currently postponing all scheduled appointments for the next three months.

Civic Health Centre will be set up as the only operational clinic setting for the foreseeable to treat emergency appointments only. **In case of an emergency**, please call the Community Intake line, CHI, on **5124 9977**. Clients will be triaged and offered an emergency appointment if they meet the criteria.

Many students with special needs are medically compromised. Advice should be sought from your usual care provider such as a specialist or GP. If any parents need advice or information regarding oral care, please feel free to contact me so I can provide you support and help direct you to appropriately to meet your family needs.

I will keep you updated as regularly as possible, through the school, and I want to thank all of you in advance for your understanding and for supporting our organisation and the broader community during this time. I look forward to meeting with you again once we all get through this.

Keep healthy and safe.

Warm regards,

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