



... our temporary
abridged version of The
Gum Tree Newsletter

Gum Leaf Note

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*Take care,
stay safe*

Dear Cranleigh Community,

Term 2 Remote Learning

The beginning of this term and remote learning certainly has a very different feel to traditional school life. While we are also a Safe Supervised Site, the majority of our students are engaging in remote learning. This is a learning curve for everyone.

Firstly, I would like to thank our staff for their preparation and implementation of remote learning for this term. This is a new experience for us, so we are really pleased that the feedback from parents and carers, as well as students, is that it is working well under the circumstances.

I know that our current situation has the potential to create stress and I would like to remind families that it's ok to 'take it easy' and make the wellbeing of your child (and you) your most important priority. Enjoy the opportunities that these different circumstances present and build regular routines and schedules as much as possible, or create new ones in your home environment that allow time for remote learning, as well as time to play safely and relax. In a far from ideal situation, you are doing an amazing job!

Please do not stress about your child's physical absence from a school setting. Currently our school is being utilised as a Safe supervised Site, so what is happening at 'school' is different!

All student learning is being provided within their Google Classroom. The domino effect of remote learning continues with new absence recording procedures still being finalised, so watch out for emails and messages to verify your child's engagement in learning activities.

There have been many highlights and many hidden staff talents have come to light from the remote learning so far:

Story reading provided by a range of school staff – such a gorgeous way to see familiar people and enjoy a story at the same time.

Our senior students participated in a Google Meeting with their teachers – the enthusiasm of both staff and students was amazing to see.

Maths sessions with Teddy Bears – so much fun was had by everyone involved!

Each class has shared their Circle time – such a great way to see what usually happens at school.

Thank you so much for the student work and fun that has been posted up for teachers to see – so great to see the efforts of everyone involved (and it looks like there has been a fair bit of baking taking place across Canberra!!)

As remote learning continues, we are looking for additional ways to engage students in activities. In the next week watch out and join in the following activities in your child's Google Classroom – dancing with Jordan, Storytime with Jenny W, Walking with Maciline, Storytime with Janine I, and Bucket drumming with Janine B. How much fun could we have!!

I would encourage you to stay in touch with your class teacher. If you have any questions please feel free to email them or contact the school. Lastly, we miss you all. Keep an eye on the big picture, we are in this together and doing what we can to keep everyone safe. If you can, stay home, stay safe and look after each other.

As information and circumstances come to hand, we will continue to communicate news & changes with you with immediacy.

Kind regards,

Cathy