

Dear Parents & Carers,

Ready to Rock and Roll!!!



We have finally come to the end of the most unusual term in memory. For the last two weeks, our teachers, education assistants and administration staff have been working tirelessly in preparation for home learning from next term. As it stands right now, all classrooms have their planning done and are ready for the start of Term 2 (28-4-20). Yesterday, all teachers sent a letter to their classes and we ask that all parents read that letter with their children as it gives an overview of the expectations the teachers have for the students. Expectations change depending on the age of children, of course, but the overarching message is that we want students to engage with their packages **to the best of their ability** and interact regularly with their teachers to get help with and feedback on their work.

Teachers have been very mindful of the difficulty many parents face in helping and instructing their children in busy households. Though some tasks will need support from parents, teachers have endeavoured to include many tasks that children can do independently. This is much more difficult in the early years but our teachers will do their very best to support parents as much as possible. We do not want these work packages to be a source of family conflict, but we also want to ensure that children continue to learn and be challenged. We will get a better idea of how the balance looks after the first week or two of next term.

Every challenge brings opportunity, and we will be focusing on the positives that can come from this type of learning. The development of greater IT skills as well as growth in organisation and routines, self-discipline, perseverance and independence are all great qualities that will be enhanced as we proceed.

The latest advice regarding attendance we have from the Department of Education states:

For Term 2, we will proceed on the basis of:

- *All public schools remain open.*
- *Parents are encouraged to keep their children at home. Those who need to send their children in to maintain employment, Children of essential workers and those who require schools to support them overcome particular vulnerabilities, however, may choose to send children to school.*

We wish everyone a wonderful Easter and a relaxing break. We are looking forward to exploring all the benefits and opportunities that the new term brings.

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Happy Easter and holiday break

From all the staff at Mullaloo Beach Primary School



