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The Wednesday and Thursday update delays; apologies

Sometime Wednesday and continuing Thursday (yesterday) the phone lines at school stopped working. This was highly frustrating for you as well as us. It also meant that the 'bulk communication' e-mails such as these updates were delayed to quite a few people in the last two days as a result. We believe this has now been partially fixed; we still have a phone line issue as I write, but one line is now working again. Even though it was (still is) entirely beyond our control, I apologise for the delays and confusion.

Friday of week 10 – 3:15pm dismissal

Ordinarily, the final day for children of each term is a 2:30pm dismissal, but this is not the case in these unusual times. Dismissal time on Friday 3rd April will still be 3:15pm.

Dress-up day Thursday 2nd April

Just for fun, staff are going to dress up on Thursday next week. We invite all children at school to also come along in any dress-ups they choose. There is no particular theme, no special cause, and no gold coin donation. Simply a day of ordinary school, but in costumes. The only thing I ask of staff and students is that we don't have anyone dressed as a doctor or nurse, and no 'protective facemask' type costumes. This is so that children don't accidentally associate someone's costume with Coronavirus/actual danger. There are no assemblies/parades, no prizes, and there is definitely no need for families to go to any trouble making or renting a costume. Just whatever is in the home, or a hat, or cat ears, or anything. Personally, I might be a pirate for the day. Or a footy player. I haven't yet decided. ☺

Cybersafety Resources

Whether through choice or necessity, an increasing number of students are staying home and digital resources are a way to stay connected and for students to access learning. We would like to encourage parents and students to revisit online safety, and have therefore included these websites from which you can get good information for parents and a range of age appropriate materials for children.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/key-issues/cyberbullying>

<https://kidshelpline.com.au/kids>

<https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/>

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/>

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/about/programs/bullystoppers/rtpix.pdf>

Patrice says thankyou

Patrice (our Business Manager) is working her way through the refunds process and while she isn't able to reply to the e-mails in many instances, she will definitely read them and when she gets the chance, take any action requested.

Possibly no update on Monday

I will be out of the school on Monday next week (30th March) and then back at school the next day, so there might not be a Monday COVID-19 update.

Kind regards,
Anthony Fischer
Principal