



Lake Boga Educational Hub

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Dear Lake Boga Primary School Families,

As you will all be aware we are set for further changes to school as we know it. We understand that yesterday's announcements to slow the spread of Covid-19 will impact staff, students and families in a range of ways. We want you to know that as a school, we are here to work together to support students and families, not only in their education, but wellbeing too.

The purpose of this letter is to update you on our plans with the remote learning for the next 6 weeks and to also find out the needs of each family in regards to technology access and on-site supervision. Please also see important dates below:

- **Monday 3rd August:** School as normal
- **Tuesday 4th August:** Curriculum Day (no students at school)
- **Wednesday 5th August:** first day of remote learning. Please note learning grid activities do not start until Thursday 6th August

Today we will be sending home resources including, including reader packs and stationary/pencil cases. As Tuesday 4th August (tomorrow) is a Curriculum Day, we will be using the time to put together resource packs with learning grids and individual/family Webex schedules, along with any technology devices (see below details in regards to pickup).

We have been through the transition to Remote Learning before and we can take a lot of confidence in knowing we did it well. We can also learn from our first experience to fine tune a few things. Our Leadership team have met and have the following plans in place:

- **Webex Meeting Schedule:** This will be reduced to three days per week. This will allow staff to be on-site one day per week and to catch up on providing feedback to students on another day. This will look a little different for each of our teachers/classrooms. The small reduction will also ease the burden on families as there were times when it became a little bit overwhelming, particularly with multiple children needing support to access these sessions.
- **See-saw:** Weekly grids and resources will also be sent via See-saw to family accounts. Students will be able to access videos and submit photos/videos/learning activities via the See-saw Learning Journal app (new codes/instructions will be sent home for this new phase of remote learning).

On-site supervision will be available to children whose parents cannot work from home, vulnerable children and children with a disability, starting this Wednesday 5th August. Please note, due to reduced staff on site, we will not have a staff member on duty until 8:30am, so we request that students do not arrive at school prior to 8:30am.

Learning packs and technology devices will be ready to be picked up from 1pm tomorrow (**Tuesday 4th August**) and all day on **Wednesday 5th August**. To ensure a smooth transition, we ask that parents/carers provide us with the following details by **11:00am Tuesday** to allow us to be prepared:

- Technology requirements: will your child/children need to borrow an iPad or Netbook to access learning from home material (See-saw, Webex etc)
- Do you anticipate that will your child/children need to access the on-site supervision – if yes, which day(s)?
- The day/time that suits to pick up learning grids/tech devices (we will endeavour to meet you at the gate)

If you could let me know this information via email or text message, please do so as follows:

- Send an email to: joseph.summerhayes@education.vic.gov.au
- Text message to: 0438 701463
- Phone: contact the school on 0350369000

We understand that this might seem a little bit overwhelming to be going through this again. Please take the time to look at the learning packs and See-Saw information that comes home, as this will take you through everything in detail.

Below are some possible contacts should students and/or families require support:

Kids Helpline: 1800 819 817

Mallee Family Care Swan Hill: 5032 4479

The Orange Door in the Mallee: 1800 290 943

Once again, we urge you all to take care, stay connected (via the phone and Internet to ensure we adhere social distancing advice), remain as positive as you can and pick up the phone if you need support. We will continue to provide updates as they come, without overloading families with information.

Yours Sincerely



Joe Summerhayes (on behalf of LBPS Staff)

Principal

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