



9th April 2020

Dear Parents

Firstly, thank you for the way that you are supporting your children with home learning during the first few days of the lockdown and over the last two weeks of the holiday period. I would like to acknowledge your support as a family. Unlike any other time, we are in lockdown to deal with a medical emergency. Our Prime Minister and our country's efforts to fight this virus is very important to the health and future of us all.

Below are the dates that I am aware of at this stage and are continually emphasised by the Ministry of Education - see below:

Key dates

26 March	Alert Level 4 commenced
28 March	School holidays begin
10 – 14 April	Easter including the Tuesday after Easter
15 April	Term 2 begins (through distance learning)
22 April	Current date for ending of lockdown period (Proposed at this stage)
27 April	ANZAC Day observed

At the end of each week while in lockdown we will be sending a 2 minute survey for your feedback on how learning is going in your household. Your feedback is vital and will be used to design the next week's work.

The Covid19 situation developed with speed and we needed to respond with matching urgency in our setting up of digital learning. We appreciate your patience with us, as this is, as much for us, as it is for you, a new way of facilitating learning in an entirely new context.

We have been very fortunate that we anticipated this and had plans in place with classrooms set up for digital learning through Google Classroom and Seesaw. We also have had expert assistance and support with Maria Persson who has vast experience with digital learning and has been a great support to our teaching team. Thank you, Maria.

If you need technical supports from Maria please email your request for supports telling her briefly about your issue e.g. *We are unable to access Seesaw for our child who is in ***** Class*. Please also note that your child's teacher can be emailed also to answer any questions you might have.

For those families where online learning is not available at this time, the Ministry of Education have been forwarded the names of those students. Please be aware that the level of the pack may differ slightly from your child's own year level. This is to ensure that the packs are at the current learning level of your child/children. Packs should start being

delivered over the coming days. Please be patient as this is a massive undertaking by the ministry and we are all so very grateful for their support, countrywide.

Learning Engagement Time guidelines for students (This includes realtime contact e.g Google Meet time):

- Team 1: 1 hour max
- Team 2: 1 - 1.5 hours
- Team 3: 1.5 - 2 hours
- Team 4: 2 - 2.5 hours

Content	Students can expect	Teacher may include	Example/Further comments
Morning greeting	Yes		A link to a pre-recorded daily video greeting to connect and to talk about the upcoming day.
Prayer & Grace	Yes		Gospel liturgy will be posted on Mondays into classrooms Prayer/Grace: This may differ from team to team.
Shared story	Yes		Teachers will upload appropriate links for students to enjoy stories/poems etc being read to them.
Fitness		Yes	Provided by teachers as an option/resource for the children/families to use.
Literacy, Maths, Concept.	Yes		Literacy (Reading and Writing) and Maths may be heavily loaded in building and practicing key skills. Concept will involve activities to get students engaged and thinking deeply about the Concept/Inquiry for Term 2. This will lead seamlessly back into face to face classroom learning once we are back learning together at school.
Links to engaging and appropriate online learning activities		Yes	Examples may include things like: 30 day lego challenge, virtual museum tours, music links, science links etc
Connecting with students working on MOE packs (Families who do not have internet connection and/or devices)	Yes		Phone call- minimum x 2 times per week to connect with students. (Must be on speaker phone with a parent present) <i>A reminder here that the level of the pack may not be the same as your child's actual year level. Some have been adjusted to suit their learning needs.</i>
State broadcast learning channels		Yes	Support from our Ministry of Education will include access to educational content linked to the NZ Curriculum for all students to be broadcast through a designated TV channel. For those already doing their learning online, this may be an added dimension to keep them occupied and learning. For those who receive Learning Hard Packs from ministry, this is an important additional component.

Teacher email addresses are: the first name and surname initial e.g. johns@sccs.school.nz

Our team leaders are also accessible to you all:

Principal	gareth@sccs.school.nz
Deputy Principal	anne-marieh@sccs.school.nz
Associate Principal	gillg@sccs.school.nz
Team 1 Leader	vickir@sccs.school.nz
Team 2 Leader	kerryr@sccs.school.nz
Team 3 Leader	linda@sccs.school.nz
Team 4 Leader	loism@sccs.school.nz

Some key things for your household to be aware of:

Teacher expectations:

Teachers are to make themselves available for engaging in learning with students between the hours of 9am -3pm. Seesaw is the platform for parent requests and clarifications.

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God bless and keep you all in good health and spirit.

Gareth Duncan and the teaching staff

Bishop Steve advises details for Easter on line:

I will be live streaming the Easter ceremonies... the Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.00pm on Thursday, the 3.00pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord (if the national liturgy does not happen), the Easter Vigil at 7.00pm, and a 9.00am Easter Sunday Mass.

These days are giving us much to reflect on and I think this Easter will be a rather poignant time. May it be for you a time of graces and blessings.

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God bless you all

Gareth Duncan
Principal
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