



Our Lady of Mt Carmel School Mullewa

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you sincerely for your support over the past two weeks. The COVID-19 crisis has been challenging for all of us. I am extremely grateful for the partnership between our families and staff at Our Lady of Mt Carmel. The efforts of our staff to adapt, develop and create remote learning experiences that are relevant to individual families has been wonderful, as has been the efforts of families to support children's learning at home. This has been a collective effort and we should all be proud.

In line with the West Australian Government, Week 10 (April 6th – 9th April) has been scheduled as a pupil free week. Teachers will be using the time to refine current processes to support learning from home and develop new ways of improving communication and engagement between school and home.

I acknowledge the next three weeks will be difficult for families. To assist and support families a document have been developed to support ongoing learning opportunities at home. I encourage you to utilise these to continue your child's learning. As parents and caregivers, you know your child better than anyone and I know the decisions you are making are in the best interests of your child's wellbeing and learning. The school administration will still be open during Week 10, however closed during the holiday period. If you need to contact the school during the holiday period, our emails are as follows: admin@olmc.wa.edu.au and jill.hollands@cewa.edu.au

In closing, the duration of remote learning is yet to be confirmed. Please be assured that as a staff we are undertaking new learning, trialling different technologies and adapting our practice to meet the needs of our students. A daily email will be sent to parents in the first weeks of Term 2, outlining your child/ren's learning and resources to accompany this that may be viewed on the screen, rather than printed. Students will then be able to complete written work in their exercise book. Staff will also be contacting parents to assist them with gaining access to Teams, locating resources and uploading work that students have completed. This will not be online learning, as we are aware families have limited data, but a platform to store resources and be able to share work with teachers so they are able to provide feedback. Take home packs will continue to be provided to those parents who are unable to access the internet satisfactorily, as will packs of reading books and novels for those families wishing to pick them up from school. I ask that you continue to work with us in this process, as it will evolve as we begin using it. Your role in communicating your child's progress will be a very important one.

I thank you for your ongoing support during this challenging time. I will endeavour to keep you up to date with news that relates to changes within the school and matters relating to your child's education either through email or text messaging. Please take care of your families.

Kind regards,
Jill Hollands
Principal

'Love one another, as I have loved you.'