



# Kilkenny Primary School

## Challenging Powerful Learners

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Dear Families,

I write to inform you of 'Home Learning' processes and procedures Kilkenny Primary School staff have put in place immediately to support the learning of every child across Week 10. As a site, we are trialling these approaches for next week and we ask for your patience and understanding as we move together into this new format of delivering learning.

In week 11 of this term, we will seek feedback from families, parents, students and staff on our learning at home model. As a school we are committed to being agile and will adapt to the needs of our community and learners as we work through this process together.

It is important to reiterate that the school will be open across Week 10. No student will be turned away. However, with increasing numbers of students not in attendance, there is a need for us to provide and make available the learning at home.

Staff have worked hard to provide transparency, consistency and predictability around the learning Kilkenny students and families will receive at home. Our intention is for the learning at home to be **purposeful and mirror the learning that is occurring at school.** The following actions have been agreed by all staff and will commence across week 10:

Actions and Decisions	Details
Communication	All communication and Home Learning tasks will be sent home via your child's class teacher using DOJO. Parents to communicate back through class DOJO as needed.
Home Learning Intention	Home Learning tasks will mirror the learning at school. The tasks have been designed to be purposeful and targeted as opposed to 'busy work'.
Reading	Hard copy readers have stopped. Your child will undertake their reading online through Reading Eggs or Cars & Stars. Communicate with your child's class teacher around this.
Hard Packs	Families with no or limited capacity to the internet and digital devices, hard packs of work will be provided. Please communicate with your child's class teacher around this. Delivery of hard packs can be accommodated if requested.
Assessment	At this point in time, no Home Learning tasks will be assessed or marked by your child's class teacher unless otherwise communicated. We ask parents to respect this. As a staff, we are still discussing how best for this to occur in Term 2.
Work Completion	If you are choosing to keep your child at home, there is no school expectation around work completion at this stage. We are aware of the complexities within home lives and the potential barriers in play. We ask that students and families simply do their best and what is manageable.
Learning Timetables	Class teachers will send home via DOJO a Home Learning Timetable for Week 10 on Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> of March. This will provide an overview of learning for the week.
Literacy and Numeracy	Staff have prioritised literacy and numeracy learning for home. Teachers will send home one literacy and numeracy task per day. These tasks will be sent home to families a day in advance. E.g. families will receive the lessons for Tuesday a day earlier.
Cross Curricula Learning	Class teachers will post one Cross Curricula/Specialist Learning task home daily. These tasks will be sent home to families a day in advance.
Supplementary tasks	Teachers will also send home a list of recommended educational websites that are suitable for their class and students. These interactive websites can supplement the daily learning and provide additional curriculum access to those students and families that request it.

In addition to this, to support learning at home, the Department for Education has launched Our Learning SA – a curriculum portal where you can access quality learning materials. These resources will be regularly added to. Please visit

<https://www.education.sa.gov.au/our-learning-sa>

To further support the transition to flexible teaching and learning in Term 2, the Department for Education has provided 4 pupil free days from 6 to 9 April 2020 inclusive. These days will allow staff to plan, prepare and improve our Home Learning model for Term 2. Your feedback in Week 11 will be an important aspect and will inform our work across those 4 days. Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) will be open and available to families across Week 11.

Once again, thank you for the support, understanding and gratitude that you have provided our staff and community during this time. It has been greatly appreciated.

Kind regards,  
Peter Dunstan