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COVID 19 Update

## Principal's Report

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Dear Parents and Friends,

This week the message is 'to keep going'. The support of students and families is allowing us to continue our children's learning in this difficult time. I would like to thank all families and how they are making sure children are logged in to the learning each day, trying to complete all tasks. We realise some frustration has crept in about not getting some tasks done or submitting work on due dates. While we realise its hard we say just do your best. In this difficult time and after receiving feedback from families we have decided this Friday is a day of Unplugged Learning. On Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> we want all families to engage in some of the alternate learning. This is a day for all to reflect on what you have completed or not completed. Catch-up and spend time as a family doing fun learning. All teachers have been busy making sure all requirements for this week can be done by Thursday. And on Friday its unplugged learning time with the family, some of the things we would like families to do are Walking and counting teddy bears in windows , Cubby house building, Playing Uno (or any other board game/card game), Family Picnic and children help setup and prepare meal (please see list attached). We want this day as a day of unplugged learning for all in the household but we ask for one thing from you, to take a photo of your activity to share for the day (children will share at next homeroom meetings). This day means a day of only home communication. No emails/texts/messages to teachers. It a time of just spending it with family.

I hear a little voice say 'What about the teachers' as much as I would love for them to join in the unplugged activities (and some will with their families) we will be hard at work going through correction, building learning plans for the next few weeks, catching up on emails and engaged in professional learning. As this day is unplugged for both students and teachers there will be no communication back and forth between teachers/students/families on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May. If it's really important and you need to talk to someone please call the school office between 9am-2pm.

1. Walking and counting bears
2. Cubby house building
3. Playing Uno (or any other board game/card game)
4. Family Picnic and children help setup and prepare meal
5. A time to catch up on work not finished
6. Go on a bush walk / Do a scavenger hunt
7. Build a vegetable or start a compost heap
8. Masterchef Mystery Box Challenge - create and/or produce a dish using the ingredients that are available in the fridge, freezer and pantry.
9. Assist a parent or guardian to prepare one meal for the day.
10. Karaoke or sing star.
11. For older students - Set up or update a file with personal documents. (EG: USI number, bank account details, certificates, awards, school reports, references, resume, TFN)
12. Do a maintenance check on family bikes, scooters, skateboards, roller blades, etc.
13. Update electronic/digital photo storage on devices
14. Develop an exercise routine for yourself or family member
15. Start or sort out a recycling "set up" for the family
16. Treasure Hunt
17. Orienteering task
18. "Recycle" challenge - Find 3 things in the home that can be recycled for the family to use regularly. - Write the instructions on how it was done. This could then be brought to school (when we get back) to share with the class and possibly get the whole class to make. (Possibly "sell" the end product)
19. Make a care package for someone who may be in need- may be part of your "Recycle" challenge
20. Start a jigsaw puzzle for the family to share. Choose a flat board to set it up on.
21. Go through some old photo albums and relive the memories.
22. Cook a cake for an elderly friend or neighbour. Deliver it to a place that they can collect it from.
23. Write a letter to someone
  
24. Work with Mum or dad for a day.

Don't forget to check out the school's Facebook page to see what staff and students are up to!

**Daniel Nemtsas**

**Principal**