

Message emailed out to parents/caregivers on 14th April

I am sure that your child's teacher has already been in contact with you or your child already. But, just in case here is the information that we posted on facebook today.

Before the lockdown we issued 110 devices for students to use at home. We have had an additional 40 requests for devices to date. Today, the MOE allowed me to return to school for one hour to collect more devices. These will be couriered to your homes over the next couple of days. Obviously, we have no control over the time it will take, but they are on the way.

At MMI we will use Google Classroom, Google Meet, Education Perfect (EP) and Seesaw to connect remotely. In our week, there will be opportunities to connect with each other, as a class and time for students to work independently too. Teachers will be available online between 9am - 11am and 1pm - 3pm, where we will be connecting with students to check in, see how they are doing, answer any questions they might have, see what they've been able to accomplish, and to say, "Hi!"

Tasks will be set including; Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Inquiry, and will be clearly stated on the online learning slideshow. Students will also be able to access optional activities when they have finished their required tasks eg. specialist subjects, end of term grid and Kiwican activities.

Remote learning is an adventure for all of us and it will not be without its challenges. I am sure that there will be things that don't work and frustrations along the way, but we are going to figure them out together. Let us know if a link, or something else, isn't working and we will do our best to fix it. If your child has questions, encourage them to contact their classroom teacher by email and we will get back to them as soon as possible.

We have thought carefully about how this might work for our students and our community and would like you to please take note of the following:

- * We are not expecting you to replicate the work teachers do, while you are at home*
- * We understand that many of you are still working (at home, or in essential services) and are at the same time, supporting your children at home*
- * Online learning and school learning are not the same thing. A highly structured day, like a school day, is not always appropriate, or achievable*
- * Family relationships, health and wellbeing are most important at this time of lockdown*
- * We are confident that our students are able to take responsibility for their own learning and develop their own routine (with your support)*
- * Tasks and activities will be flexible, however all students should aim to be online at 9am, ready for the school day.*