



# ANSON STREET SCHOOL

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## COVID-19 Update 6

Dear Parents and carers

Congratulations and thank you to all families and to our staff for doing such a wonderful job during very difficult times. Physical distancing means more time at home together for families. And if one or both parents are working at home, it might mean that they're balancing supervision of children's learning, family time, and work commitments. This is likely to be challenging. It can also be positive.

In order to support your children's continuity of learning into term 2, I would like to inform all parents and carers that Wednesday 8 April and Thursday 9 April will be non-teaching days. This will allow our staff some time to prepare the development and upload of lessons for the beginning of term 2. If your child requires additional work during this time, please access our Facebook and School website under the Learning from Home, where we have loaded activities for children to do in the home. Alternatively, you can access the NSW Department of Education's [Learning from Home](#) website for additional resources. Our staff will be available via email during this time. I thank you for your support.

### Expectations for the completion of school work

If we presume these challenging times continue into next term, we need to ensure that we are all working together to support your children and our students. We want our students to be accessing their school work regularly, completing what they can, to the best of their ability and to communicate daily with their teachers. We know this is a difficult situation for us all to be in but we are committed to getting through this together. Keep positive with your children if you can, support them where possible and communicate with my team and myself if you need support. We have the capacity to support you and your children remotely where appropriate.

The following tips may help:

- 1. Make the most of family time** This is about giving children positive attention and turning everyday moments into quality time.
- 2. Use or adapt routines** Routines help children and parents eat well, get enough exercise and sleep, and balance different kinds of play and leisure.
- 3. Stay connected with others** This helps parents and children feel positive. Technology is great, but old-fashioned letters can work too!
- 4. Manage family conflict in positive ways** Sibling fights can give children the chance to learn social skills. They also give parents the chance to be problem-solving role models.

Source: [Raisingchildren.net.au](#)

Wishing our Anson Street School community a wonderful Easter break. School holidays officially commence on Good Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April for two weeks. This is a time for everyone to relax and take a break at home. Look on our Facebook site on Wednesday for the Easter Parade. Additional Resource Packs will be delivered during the first couple of days of Term 2. Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April will be a staff development day.

Kind regards

*Melanie Meers*

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Principal

6<sup>th</sup> April 2020



Education



Connect and belong: be your best self

Be curious: explore and cultivate wisdom

Foster a growth mindset: be willing to do things differently

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