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Dear Parents,

Thank you for your ongoing support in recent weeks. Many parents have spoken to me and expressed they found learning from home difficult, they had to watch their children learn, adjust to new technology, help children with their work, check it when they had finished and encourage them to keep going. It was tiring.

Parents have expressed they have a new appreciation for teachers who do this for up to 30 children in a class for 6 ½ hours a day. Teachers also incorporate parent meetings, get students ready for assemblies, mark rolls, meet with parents, attend 2-3 hours of training and development a week, attend staff meetings, do yard duties, write reports and newsletters, practice for Sports Day and concerts, take children on camps, learn new technology, report to government agencies, manage a class budget, supervise exams, support children's wellbeing issues, change classroom displays, mark work and then go home and plan for the next day/week. Teaching is an emotionally and physically demanding job and we do it because we care, it is rewarding and we want to contribute to quality outcomes for children and young people. I am incredibly proud of the KICE educators and all that they have done during this difficult time, they have been on the front line with students every day and when they haven't been able to be with the children face to face, they have been providing a learning program and checking on children from afar. Thank you parents, your words of encouragement and support have been highly valued.

Even at this difficult and challenging time there is a silver lining, our school is less busy at the moment with fewer interruptions, and lots of time to focus on teaching and learning in the classroom.

We are now in a situation where we have nearly all of our students attending and only a very small number staying home due to Covid 19. With this shift in attendance, face to face learning in the classroom is again our core business. If your child has a compromised immune system then we will continue to support your child's individual plan, please connect with your child's teacher for support. If you choose to keep your child at home due to Covid 19 and your child is not highly vulnerable then please continuing using the previously sent resources or access the resources that can be found at www.education.sa.gov.au/ourlearningsa. We will be in touch with all non-attending families.

We are currently discussing our end of semester reports, they will look a little different to reflect the learning during Covid 19. I will discuss report changes with Governing Council and keep you updated. Thank you for keeping your child at home if they are unwell, we are still awaiting SA Health advice as to when visitors and parents can return to school and when extracurricular activities including sports can resume.

Have a wonderful weekend and stay well.

Kind Regards,
Maxine