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Kia Ora

We hope that you have had a happy Easter. Welcome back to term two of 2020. We hope you are all keeping well, and if your family has been adversely affected by the current situation, we pray a blessing on your family and that God will grant you wisdom and favour as you navigate the immediate steps for your or your family's future.

We have continued to receive incredible photos, videos and reports on Seesaw (Years 1-6) of the amazing learning that is happening at home. We are so proud of the resourcefulness of all our students and thankful to you for facilitating this new way of learning. Parents, the staff would like to honour you for all you are doing at home during these challenging times.

Here are a few bits of info that will assist with understanding what this coming week will look like.

ECCO – Elim Christian College Online

Junior Years (Y1-6)

A website has been set up to access online learning for Junior Years students. You will need to copy this link and paste into your browser. <http://bit.ly/macjyportal>. All of our JY classes will be using Seesaw as a learning journal, for your child to share their work and for teachers to assign activities and give students feedback. Teachers will also regularly post videos to connect with their students. For all classes, our website ECCO (Elim Christian College Online) will provide a day by day timetable and will direct you to work to be done on Seesaw.

Please note that we have provided a timetable for you when the online learning programme kicks in on the 15th of April. The timetable aims to create a balanced day for our students. It has been wonderful to see the variety in initiative over the past few days around how the days are being organised. However, we do understand that these are unusual times, and we encourage all our parents to gauge what will work best for their children on any specific day, that you decide how much can be accomplished in a day and the nature of activities that would best suit any given day.

Middle Years (Y7-8)

Mrs Scott and Mrs De Silva have sent out a recent letter which outlines how their days will work. Please refer to that and contact them if you have any questions:

<http://www.elim.school.nz/wp-content/uploads/MAC-Yr8-Online-Learning.pdf>

<http://www.elim.school.nz/wp-content/uploads/Y7-MAC-online-learning.pdf>

Senior Years (Y9-13)

Mrs Nola sent out a letter outlining how your children will be working online with their teachers. Please contact her if you have any questions.

<http://www.elim.school.nz/wp-content/uploads/MAC-Yr7-13-notice.pdf>

For our high school students, we will be having an assembly online on Wednesday and can access this link on their Schoology page. There will also be regular assemblies on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Availability of/Accessibility to staff online

We will both be available Monday and Thursday afternoons from 2.30-3pm for parents to contact us via Google Meet. Parents, we would like to support you as best as we can. We do not have the expectation that you are now to be teaching your child. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you need to talk to us, especially around the task you have of facilitating learning at home. We appreciate all that you are doing. If you are unable to connect at this time, please flick us an email and we can decide on another time together.

To join the video meeting, click this link:

<https://meet.google.com/vow-frzv-kpi>

Instructions on how to use google meet are in this [Youtube clip](#)

Pastoral Care Teachers - Please don't hesitate to contact your child's Pastoral Care Teacher via Seesaw or email (first_name.last_name@elim.school.nz)

Looking after our wellbeing

Looking after our wellbeing is essential right now. The current situation has drastically changed the way we work, socialise, travel, access healthcare, exercise, shop and live. Below is the link to the Mental Health Foundation website with a few healthy tips to help us get through. <https://www.mentalhealth.org.nz/get-help/covid-19/top-tips-to-get-through/>

As teachers at Elim Christian College, we want to be a part of the answer and help alleviate any anxiety around your child's learning. Please feel free to contact us if you are unsure about anything that has been planned as part of online learning.

I look forward to meeting/seeing you online.

Nga mihi nui

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