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## COVID-19 Update #1

Dear Families,

On 14th March, an electronic letter was sent to all families on our SchoolStream App concerning the ongoing situation re COVID-19. This letter can be found on our school website.

Last night we received a major update that will change the usual practices that occur in our school for the remaining weeks of this term.

It is my intention to update this material on a regular basis to address issues and/or refine existing decisions in the light of new and emerging information that comes to hand.

This update contains INFORMATION about gatherings at Rosary School for the rest of the term. I am aware that some activities will personally have an impact on your child but it is in the best interest of everyone.

Taken from a CESA circular received late yesterday, "Announcements from the Federal Govt indicate that mass gatherings of more than 500 persons ought not occur. Schools will operate as they are not affected as education is considered an essential service. Schools should observe the Govt directive and cease the mass gathering of students".

In line with this, the following will be put into place at Rosary School as the Health authorities are keen for "social distancing" to mitigate spread of the virus the following activities are being cancelled for the remainder of this term:

1. Assemblies
2. All excursions
3. Year 4 & 6 Camps with the possibility of re-programming (but I don't have any further details about this at this stage)
4. Any sporting events (games and trainings) and carnivals
5. All Holy Week activities that are whole school based
6. Italian Day activities
7. All volunteer support
8. Use of library space at recess and lunch
9. No "footshakes," just a verbal greeting
10. A PA announcement this morning was made requesting that all students avoid physical touching – no hugging, no handshakes, no touching hair, etc. and if possible they need to wash their hands before brain food, recess and lunch

On another note, families who have travelled overseas on holidays as of this week or are planning to travel overseas, need to self-isolate for two weeks upon return to ensure their children do not bring any virus into the school. If an immediate family member has travelled overseas and are now returning home, you might consider keeping your children home for two weeks so as to avoid the likelihood of any virus spreading into the school.

Kind regards

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