



### FROM THE HEADMASTER

I have been hugely impressed by the response that the community has had to the COVID-19 situation. Everyone, from teachers and boys to parents and support staff, have moved out of their comfort zones and have embraced the challenges facing us at this time. Thank you for your positivity and agility as we face a fluid response to the crisis. I am also pleased to be able to share that the parent who has been ill with the virus has recovered and has been given a clean bill of health. The family are also well and in good spirits.

The strong leadership shown by our President has been inspirational for us all and, as we make changes to our online learning to accommodate total lockdown, we are able to do so within a framework of collegiality and creativity; both of which are St Peter's Values that we hold dear.

The next nine days' worth of learning packs have been prepared. Many parents have collected hard copies of the work packs from the school reception. Today is the last day for physical collection of copies. School reception closes at 16:00 today, but pdf copies for the next nine days will be emailed to all classes from Grade 0 - 7 should you wish to print these for yourself. These should be in your inbox by Saturday afternoon. Online instruction will continue as before, but we have had to adjust some time frames to accommodate both data restrictions and our understanding that parents will also be working online during the lockdown. Accordingly, the following timetable will be in place:

Teachers will be available for real-time teaching between 09:00 and 11:00 every weekday morning. The popular Senior Primary ZOOM classrooms will take place at this time; as well as direct access for individualised help. These sessions will be recorded and will, therefore, be accessible outside these times. After 11:00 we will go onto online texts using the platform appropriate for your grade. Queries regarding work will be responded to by the teachers during the course of the day. This will allow the boys to be more flexible and to work around the online needs of the rest of the family. It is important to remember that we are all in this for at least three weeks and that, should deadlines not be met, the teachers will understand and be flexible. Please don't stress if items take time to upload, the teachers are aware of bandwidth constraints and will assess the work when it does arrive.

I do recommend that the boys listen to the daily messages from both their teachers and myself so as to keep a sense of connectedness within the community. Please also be aware of people within the community who will experience feelings of isolation during the lockdown and give them a call or send a text to say that they are not alone.

Once again, thank you for the incredibly positive feedback we are receiving regarding the programme. The teachers have put hours of work in and it is wonderful that they feel appreciated at this time.

Stay safe and positive.

**Rob Macaulay**



Congratulations to Lauryn and Craig Findlay on the birth of their daughter, Lyla-Mae.

Welcome to this crazy world little one .

