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Dear Calwell Families,

Welcome to Week 9 of Term 1. Life has certainly changed for us all. In this note I will outline what the current expectations are in relation to student learning for the rest of this term and where we are up to in preparing for teaching and learning to move online in Term 2.

Skeleton Staff until Easter

Thank you for supporting us in only sending your child/ren to school as a last resort. As of today, we are operating on a skeleton staff. Nearly all Calwell class teachers are now working from home participating in professional learning and developing resources in preparation for teaching and learning to move online in Term 2.

Term 1 - Week 9 & 10

Your child/ren should be using the information provided in the packs we sent home last week to guide their daily learning activities. In short, we have asked that all students read for 30 minutes, complete a writing activity, engage in a Maths learning experience and take part in some form of physical activity each day. This could involve, or be supplemented by, using an online resource such as Reading Eggs, Matific or any of the resources available that you have access to at home, in particular the ones you can access through the link the Directorate has established: https://bit.ly/act-homelearning

Access to Devices & log-ons

Thank you for responding to our device and internet survey. We have now contacted all families who require support. Today we are contacting families whose child has not yet logged into Seesaw or Google Classroom from home. We need all students to have logged in to both platforms (excluding preschool who only access Seesaw) by close of business Wednesday. This will enable us to resolve any issues and class teachers to begin running some trial online sessions before the end of term.

Students are now able to access eBooks and audio books from the central ACT Education Directorate collection from any internet browser or mobile device via the SORA online reading app! You can get to the Learning Resource Library by

visiting: https://www.education.act.gov.au/schooling/learning-resource-library

The username and password are the same details used to access Google Classroom. We have attached a user guide provided by the Directorate that will give you step by step instructions for accessing the collection using either the website via your browser or the Sora app via your iOS or Android device. We hope you and your child/ren find some new books to enjoy!

Linda Neeson **Principal**