Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Firstly, I would like to thank our community for the trust it places in our school in this time of almost daily changes and challenges. Several notes have been sent home in the last week, about how we can work together to maintain our unity despite COVID-19. Please be reassured that we are following the most up to date advice received from the Department as to the proactive measures we can apply at a school level to help contain the spread of the virus and minimise the impact it is having on our school community.

I do need our community to trust that if there are any developments at RESS, including the cancellation or postponing of events, we will notify you asap.

To assist in notifications, please make sure you:

- have your email address information with us up-to-date;
- have your current mobile telephone number on file in the office (for TEXT messaging service);
- and in the event of any closures, bookmark on your device [https://closures.det.qld.gov.au/](https://closures.det.qld.gov.au/) as well our school website.

Due to COVID-19, we have had to cancel some school events and services including:

- School disco
- Bullying, No Way! National Day of Action (postponed)
- Assemblies
- Easter Bonnet Parade
- Sporting Carnivals
- School banking

I must also advise that at this stage, our tuckshop will have limited food and may need to close due to food shortages and stock disruptions.

**Morning Routine**

We have seen an increase in the number of students arriving at school early, with some students arriving before 8.00am. Please note that there is no supervision before 8.30am. Your support in making sure students do not arrive early is appreciated.

**Bullying, No Way!**

Unfortunately the Bullying, No Way! Day of action has been postponed, however here at RESS our teachers will continue to teach students about bullying – what it is and isn’t and provide them with strategies to respond to bullying.

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### Principal’s comments…

So what is and is not bullying?

There is little doubt that bullies are not kind to others. But not every unkind thing children do constitutes bullying. Children, especially young children, are still learning how to get along with others. They need parents, teachers and other adults to model kindness, conflict resolution, inclusion, responsibility and resilience.

Sometimes all aggressive or mean behaviour is called bullying, yet sometimes this is not the case.

‘**Bullying is a conscious, repeated, hostile, aggressive behaviour of an individual or a group abusing their position with the intention to harm others or gain real or perceived power.’**

The Bullying, No Way! website has a range of resources that parents can access to support your child. There are also many resources to help support with cyber bullying. Visit [https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/YourRole/Pages/For-Parents-and-carers.aspx](https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/YourRole/Pages/For-Parents-and-carers.aspx) for more information.

Thank you for your support in keeping our students safe.

Yours in education

Tony Woodhouse

19th March, 2020

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**Interschool Swimming Carnival**

**Interschool Success.** Our amazing swimming team has brought home some silverware by reigning victorious at the 2020 Interschool Swimming Carnival. Our 23 swimmers showed enormous determination and school spirit to win the aggregate trophy and the overall trophy. Something that we haven’t accomplished since 2008! The staff and the entire RESS community are extremely proud of our student’s efforts. Congratulations swim team!

Daniel Webb
In Prep/1P we have been learning about letters and sounds. Last week we learnt about the letter M. Prep students practiced writing the letter M on whiteboards. Year 1 students practiced writing the letter M in red and blue lines. On Friday we had milo with milk. We had lots of fun!

Citizen of the Week

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Election Day Sausage Sizzle and Cake Stall

Unfortunately this event has been cancelled. Thank you to all the people who offered to bake.

Dateclaimer:
Playgroup for under 5s 9am to 10.30am
*Mondays during school terms
Last day of term 1 3rd April
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