



Term 3, Week 5
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Principal Message

Hello Wallsend Learning Community to a modified Week 5. First and foremost, thank you once again for your ongoing support. I know this is not an ideal situation we all find ourselves in once again but I appreciate everyone's flexibility and understanding at this difficult time. Last Thursday, there was a very quick turnaround to deliver working packs and pivot to online learning. I want to thank the staff for their ability to move into 'Plan B' teaching and learning in such a small time frame. Like everybody else, we are unsure whether this lockdown will be extended. Our staff are working really hard at providing learning packs and online resources to support home learning if this lockdown is extended. I would like everyone to know that we understand that a family's situation differs on a day to day basis. The work being provided is extremely hard to differentiate for our students across the board. Please understand that we expect it to look very different for each individual family and we know the work being provided may not always cater to your child's needs. If you require support and/or we can modify learning for your child/children please let us know and we will endeavour to help in any way we can.

Please note, we are currently starting a roster for **Zoom** check-ins. This will be a specific time. There is no requirement to zoom but we encourage students to do so where possible.

Some helpful tips during this time;

1. Set up a routine/schedule
2. Provide a clear space free of distraction
3. Write out a daily plan
4. Take frequent lesson breaks that include exercise
5. Check-in with the classroom teacher where possible
6. Set a solid standard for completing work
7. Encourage self-learning and motivate

Most of all, please be kind to yourself as parents/carers. You can only do your best with what is an unusually difficult situation. We all hope to return to 'normal' schooling as soon as possible and continue to thrive.

Alternative Home Learning packages can be found here;

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/learning-from-home/learning-at-home/learning-packages>

Watch NSW Education LIVE streams at 10am each day here;

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/learning-from-home/learning-at-home>

Thanks everyone and stay safe!

Proud Principal

Mr Ricki Metcalfe