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***Today's communication.***

Dear Parents,

Our teachers are excited and are saying it's wonderful to see all the fabulous learning that is happening in your homes. The teachers are extremely proud of the work they are seeing on Seesaw and Google Classroom. They are also very thankful for the support the parents are providing to facilitate their children's learning.

After speaking to some parents and listening to some of the struggles they are facing we wanted to let you know that you are all doing a wonderful job and hopefully we can ease some of the pressure you may be feeling.

We are fully aware that most of you are trying to work from home, while possibly supporting several children's learning, who may be in different classes with different activities as well as looking after younger siblings...and, all at the same time!

Therefore, we urge you to be kind to yourself! Somedays it just might seem too difficult to complete all assigned activities to the quality and standard you're used to. We will understand, just ask them to keep trying and encouraging them. Sometimes it might be best to just leave it and move on to another task.

Ideally, we would like the activities to be completed as per instruction, but we all know that this may not be possible all the time. We are happy for you to modify or change the activity slightly if you need too.

We want the children to enjoy the tasks and have fun doing them in as calm a learning space as possible. All the teachers will understand if some days it's just too much. It's ok; just try again tomorrow. Remember the expectation is only 3 activities per day for prep-2 uploaded to Seesaw and 4 activities for 3 to 6 uploaded to Google Classroom, as well as 1 specialist each week. Don't forget the half hour of physical exercise, which could just be playing outside or going for a walk.

If you have any concerns, queries or questions regarding any aspects of remote learning, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Kind Regards,

Julie Gleeson and the OPS Team.