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Welcome back to a very different look at schooling for term 2. Adapting to new ways of working and learning has been a challenging task for us all. There has been some amazing learning happening at home online and we are proud of the interest the children have taken to this new way of learning.

It's been great to read the positive feedback of children enjoying the music learning powerpoint uploaded on elearn. The discussion board has sharing of images of the children working, playing, singing and performing from home. It's a highlight for us to receive such positive feedback and see the children at home enjoying their learning.

Great work to the parents for providing the support and sharing your child's work. We are missing your children and our usual ways of teaching, but after this we'll be stronger and better with what we do and how we deliver, teach and learn.

Keep up the great work at home with supporting your child, encouraging and rewarding their achievements as they progress with these changes over the next few weeks.

If you are having any difficulties with the learning powerpoints, please email and we'll do our best to help. There's a survey at the end of the week's learning for your child to test their knowledge and skills for the week and earn their merit reward online.

The instrumental teachers have also added all the instrumental students to their lessons online. These are updated weekly also. Each group has specific exercises to practise for the week. There are recordings of excerpts to play along with and a practise sheet to record their minutes.

There is further information on the announcement page on elearn followed by their weekly lessons in the courses found in the left hand column.

Week 2 includes a challenge. We'd love to share your work/playing online and with our school community. So don't forget to enter the challenge and send to your teachers.

All instructors have emailed parents in regards to online learning. If you can't access the learning online, please email your instructors so they can send the tasks electronically by email or other means.

Practise should be recorded everyday and be maintained for consistency.

A reminder of practicing is below. We look forward to seeing you all soon!! 😊



Go for Green – To assist with practise!

THE IMPORTANCE OF PRACTISE

When new pieces and scales are learnt in the lesson it is important to go over these new ideas often so we are familiar and comfortable with the new songs. This enables us to feel confident and relaxed in the lessons as well and you will enjoy it a lot more! A few little things to help you.

- ❖ Keep your fingernails short!
- ❖ Organise your music bag the night before with everything you will need.
- ❖ Fill out your practise chart as soon as you have finished practising! (only count actual playing time please)
- ❖ Set a timer to help you practise. When the buzzer goes off that's your practise done!
- ❖ 60 min per week is the minimum amount to ensure progress each week.
- ❖ Set yourself a goal and try to achieve this goal. Happy playing and I look forward to the rest of term.

Musically Yours,

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"Music programs can literally remodel children's brains in a way that improves sound processing, which could lead to better learning and language skills" ` Nina Kraus of Northwestern University.

"A child's ability to distinguish musical rhythm is related to his or her capacity for understanding grammar" ` unknown