



K-2 Students Learning From Home

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Department of Education has directed schools to develop **Online Learning** for the students at our school. Blacktown South Public School will be starting Online Learning from Week 10 – **Monday the 30th of March**. The types of Online Learning Tasks during Weeks 10 and 11 that will be set for your children will be grade-based and will serve as some repetition and revision of concepts already taught. This will give your child/ren the opportunity to become familiar with this new delivery method of teaching and learning.

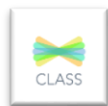
SeeSaw Parent and Family App: This is the App that all K-2 Class Teachers **are currently using** and most parents are already using. This will continue to be a platform that teachers will use to communicate **information to parents**.

Please follow the instructions provided by your child's teacher to install and login to the **Seesaw: The Learning Journal (class-based) app**. This code is inside the Learning From Home Student Pack and has been posted on your SeeSaw Parent and Family App.



SeeSaw: The Learning Journal (This is a new App that you will need to download.)

This App is for your child to use to complete their **Online Learning**. Teachers will use the SeeSaw Learning Journal App to share learning tasks for students to complete at home. Students will use this App to post their work and complete tasks from a daily **Online Learning Plan**. Teachers will have the ability to check the work submitted by students and provide feedback.



Teachers are hoping that you will download this App as soon as possible. Teachers will be connecting with your child/ren **this week** to ensure that they have access and are ready for Online Learning to start next week.

General Information

All students will be provided with a **Learning from Home Pack** (information about the collection of this pack will be posted soon via the Skoolbag App, the School Website and the Blacktown South Public School Facebook Page).

Inside the Learning From Home pack, you will find –

- A student exercise book.
- A Home Reading Log to continue to track your child/ren's regular reading at home. Remember they can be reading any book from home, along with Online Books from Sunshine Classics (see below).
- Some worksheets that may keep you busy while we get Online Learning up and running.
- Targeted Early Numeracy (TEN) Games.
- Access Codes to –
 1. **SeeSaw: The Learning Journal**
 2. **StudyLadder:** is a site that provides educational resources across a wide range of subjects. There are fun games and videos to access. Your child's class teacher will be able to set tasks for your child to complete.
 3. **SunShine Classics:** A digital literacy program that covers reading levels 1-30. Texts will be allocated to your child.

Learning From Home – Online Learning – Starts Monday the 30th of March

Our teachers will be Online throughout regular times of the day. Here is a guide of our teachers' schedule for the day from Monday to Friday. Teachers will be Online during these times.

9:00 – Teachers will login to SeeSaw, post welcome messages and **daily tasks** will be uploaded.

9:30 – 11:00 (Morning Session) – Teacher Online to provide feedback and comment on student work.

12:00 – 1:00 (Middle Session) – Teacher Online to provide feedback and comment on student work.

2:00 – 2:30 (Afternoon Session) – Teacher Online to provide feedback and comment on student work.

Teachers **will not be** Online providing feedback and commenting on student work after the hours of 3:00pm. If your child/ren completes their work after 3:00pm, they will receive feedback and comments on their submitted work the following day, when our teachers are back Online.

Daily Tasks: The daily tasks that will be posted are a guide to continue learning from home. Your child does not need to complete the tasks within the period of the day. It may suit your family to complete the daily tasks in the morning, afternoon or evening. We understand that many families are going to be under a lot of pressure and changed routines at the moment.

Parent/Carer Support

To begin with, our K-2 students will require a great deal of assistance and support to complete their daily tasks. We hope that as our students become more familiar with this style of learning, that they will develop some level of independence.

Questions and Issues

If you have any additional questions regarding Learning From Home, please contact the school via phone or email. Thank you for your kindness and patience during these unprecedented times. Our teachers have worked hard to prepare Learning from Home through an Online platform. We anticipate that there may be changes and modifications of our Online Learning over time, as the need arises.

Kind Regards,

Andrew Bowmer

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