# **Tomerong Public School**



# BULLETIN



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#### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear all,

The focus of this 'Bulletin' is to ensure parents are connected to home learning resources that were sent out last night through Class Dojo.

If you have already accessed the resources, great! If you are having difficulty, please call us or send us an email at <a href="mailto:tomerong-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au">tomerong-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au</a> and we can talk you through it. Once you're into Class Dojo you can message your child's class teacher directly, or continue to use phone calls or emails for communication. Through Class Dojo you will also receive passwords for programs such as Study Ladder, Prodigy or Epic. On the following page is a wonderful outline from Miss Saunders about how to access the various learning tools.

## **Physical Resources**

If you are having trouble accessing the overview digitally we will be able to provide physical copies of the overview from next week. These will be available from the school office. If you are having difficulty accessing Google Docs, we will be able to provide further trouble shooting tips by next week.

### **Home Reading**

We know regular reading is vital. There are a number of online programs where student reading material can be accessed, however we are also happy for parents to visit the school during school hours to collect or change home readers. Please see the office staff (rather than your child's teacher) if you would like to access these resources.

#### **Home Schooling Pics!**

We love seeing kids engaged in their learning so please send us photos of your children who are hard at work! These can be sent through Class Dojo or emailed to tomerong-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

#### Thank you!

Things have changed enormously since our previous bulletin last week, and we can only speculate on what school life might look like in a few weeks' time.

The message is clear that students should be kept at home where possible and I thank everyone who has made accommodations to their schedules to ensure this is achieved. Thank you for the enormous outpouring of gratitude shown to school staff as they move towards providing a system of home learning. There will be obvious teething problems and we need you to let us know what is and isn't working so we can refine programs that best help you support your children.

We have had to consider supervision arrangements for the students who are at school. We are currently operating on a stage based model with combined classes to allow teachers additional preparation time for Home Learning activities. We are also relying on the Learning and Support Teacher and Library teachers to cover classes as we have staff members who are rightly caring for their children, elderly parents and family members. This means it is likely your child will not always be with their usual teacher if they are at school.

Please remain connected to the school and let us know how you can help.

Stay safe,

Rod White Principal



Please note that the Canteen and Uniform Pool will be closed for the remainder of Term 1.

Sorry for any inconvenience.

#### What You Need To Do

With all of these logins and passwords and websites, it can be quite overwhelming. Here is a quick overview of what you will need to do before we can start our online learning.

- 1. Get connected to Class Dojo by downloading the Class Dojo app or visiting <a href="www.classdojo.com">www.classdojo.com</a>. This will be our primary form of communication. Call the school to get connected if you are not already. Our Home Learning Engagement Facilitator, Miss Arnott, will be able to talk you through the process over the phone. Alternatively bring in your device and Miss Arnott will assist you to get connected.
- 2. Have your individual logins to Study Ladder (http://www.studyladder.com.au) Prodigy (prodigy.com/play) and Epic! (<a href="www.getepic.com/students">www.getepic.com/students</a>). These have already been posted to your Class Dojo page if your child needs them (Stage 3 have had their individual studdyladder passwords privately messaged through Dojo).
- 3. Join the Google Classroom (see step by step guide on following page). If your child has not already logged in, class codes will be provided on Class Dojo if/when required.

# **How to Sign into Google Classroom**

Go to www.det.nsw.edu.au

Click 'log in' located in the top right corner

Click 'student portal'

Login - username and password *firstname.lastname12* (only some students have a number at the end). Contact us if you are unsure of your username or password

Under the 'Learning' subheading on the right hand side, click the drop down menu that says 'show more'.

Click 'G-Suite - Google Apps for Education'

Click on 'Classroom'. If it is your first time logging in, you will need to click accept and continue until it takes you to the next page

Click the '+' button on the top right-hand side. Add the class code for your class

Click on the Google classroom for your stage

