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Dear parents and carers,

You were and always will be your child's first teacher. We say this to all parents as they entrust their 5 year olds to the formal schooling system. But being the "teacher", at the moment is super tricky. I simply encourage you to do your best and be kind to yourselves.

Our children, like many of us, may be anxious and scared of the world right now. They have never experienced this before and neither have we. They will be missing their friends and teachers. We at Bundarra are missing them also. Expect that they may 'act up' a bit more than usual, or be quieter. These are both valid reactions. Children need our love, support and comfort now more than ever. It will be okay.

If set learning tasks are too hard for today- that is okay! Do something else. Try something new, cook something together, get in the garden, go for a walk or bike ride. That is okay.

Some days will feel fantastic- you'll be on top of the world, all the learning will get done. Your child might learn to master a new sound, their 4 times tables or be able to spell previously tricky words. Celebrate those days!

Other days, you may want to tear your hair out with frustration. The kitchen table may be too messy and you might have a dodgy internet connection. You might be tired and your child/ children cranky. That's okay too. Breathe, be kind to yourself and them. Tomorrow is a new day!

Every student and family is in the same situation. Your child is not missing out- we are all in it together. This will be an extraordinary year. Learning will look different for the time being. If something goes wrong, we will work it out. We have a secure online platform in which to learn and support each other. Our staff are trained to develop teaching and learning for individual students and this will continue, just in a different way.

The most important thing right now is how we treat each other. Kindness. Respect. Support. Our children will remember this unusual time and how much fun they had at home, how we all learnt to learn in a new way. They will remember how special and supported they felt by their parents, carers and school staff. They (and us) will one day celebrate how we tackled this challenge.

We look forward to when we can be together at school again.

In the meantime, we'd love to hear from you on Seesaw, Skoolbag or facebook.

Take care, stay safe and well.

Kind regards,

Tara Hulonce

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