Dear Park Ridge Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you for your ongoing support and encouragement during this difficult time. I know that many in our community are working in high pressure jobs, or have been impacted by the closing of businesses and workplaces. My thoughts, along with the thoughts my team go out to you and your families.

As you are aware, school holidays will begin on Monday March 30, one week earlier than usual. This is to provide an opportunity for our teaching staff to develop effective on-line learning tools for delivery in term 2 (as a result of the predicted continuation of the heath crisis). Providing them with that time is imperative if we are to support every child’s learning success moving forward.

We must allow vulnerable staff to work from home and staff who are looking after children, this will mean that we will be operating with a dramatically reduced workforce.

Our school will be open next week to support those parents who are working in front-line professions; however, we are only able to provide supervision and care, not instruction.

Supervision and care may include;

* Students operating from a central location
* Activities such as reading, viewing film and media and limited digital resources
* Reduced breaks that occur more regularly (15 minutes for food and exercise, frequently throughout the day)
* Phones switched off and out of sight
* Access only to devices and programs permitted by Education Queensland

Students must adhere to the 1.5 metre social distancing rules (set down by our government) and must be well-behaved and supportive. Students unable to comply will need to be sent home. I am sure that this will not be necessary as we are all aware of the importance of keeping each other safe.

Students must be in good health to attend school.

We will not have canteen facilities in operation, so students will need to bring food from home.

If you are able to keep your children home next week, this will provide the much needed time to create the resources necessary to keep our students learning into term 2.

We greatly appreciate your support.

Warm Regards,

Sharon Amos

Principal

Park Ridge SHS